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CHESTER-TOWN, Wednesday, June 1st, 1831.

THE Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Maryland, met this day, at 11 o'clock, A. M., in Chester Church, according to appointment.

Divine service was conducted by the Rev'd Doct'r Wyatt; a charge, addressed to the Clergy and Laity, was then delivered by the Rt. Rev'd. Bishop Stone, who also administered the Lord's Supper, assisted by the Rev'd Dr. Wyatt, Rev'd Mr. Hawley, and Rev'd Mr. Hatch.

After the usual services were performed, the President took the chair. A list of the Clergy entitled to seats at the last Convention, was called over by the Secretary, as required by the 4th Rule of Order; the following answered to their names, and took their seats.

Rt. Rev'd WILLIAM M. STONE, Bishop of the Diocese, President.

**Rev'd Charles C. Austin,
William Armstrong,
Mervin Allen,
Henry Aisquith,
John Alexander Adams,
John V. Bartow,
Thomas Bayne,
John G. Blanchard,
Thomas Billopp,
John T. Brooke,
William F. Chesley,
John Claxton,
John Forman,
Levin I. Gilliss,
Robert W. Goldsborough,
John Grigg,
J. P. K. Henshaw, D. D.**

**Rev'd William Hawley,
Edward Y. Higbee,
Thomas Jackson,
Norris M. Jones,
Clement F. Jones,
John R. Keech,
George McElhiney,
G. L. Mackenheimer,
Robert Prout,
Samuel C. Stratton,
Joseph Spencer,
John Swan,
W. E. Wyatt, D. D.
Lemuel Wilmer,
Simon Wilmer,
John Wiley.**

Clergy added to the Diocese since the last Convention.

Rev'd Hector Humphreys,
James A. McKinney,

Rev'd Frederick W. Hatch,
Christian Wiltberger.

It appearing that a quorum was present, the President announced that the Convention was organized, and ready to proceed to business.

Mr. Richard M. Hall was re-elected Secretary.

On motion, it was resolved unanimously, that the thanks of this Convention be presented to the Rt. Rev'd Bishop of the Diocese, for his excellent primary charge, delivered this day, and that he be requested to furnish a copy for publication.

The following resolution offered by A. C. Magruder, Esq., was adopted. Whereas, it is stated that a title to pews in Episcopal Churches of this State, is claimed by persons not members of the Church, and in consequence, pews may be unoccupied while the parishioners are in want of seats. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to enquire and report to this Convention, the terms on which pews are possessed in the Episcopal Churches, and whether they can be claimed by those who are not members of the congregation. Committee appointed, A. C. Magruder, Esq., Gen. Chambers, Samuel Brown, Jr. Esq.

RULES OF ORDER.

1st. The business of every day shall be introduced with prayer.

2d. This convention shall sit for the despatch of business, from nine o'clock, A. M., until three o'clock, P. M.

3d. Every member shall take his seat when the President takes the chair, and remain uncovered until the Convention adjourn.

4th. At the opening of each session of the Convention, as soon as the President takes the chair, the names of the clergy who were entitled to seats at the preceding Convention, shall be called over by the secretary of the last Convention: or, in case of his absence, by a Secretary pro tem., to be appointed by the President. The Lay Delegates shall lay their certificates of appointment on the table of the Secretary, and subscribe the declaration required by the Constitution. If a constitutional quorum be found present, the President shall thereupon declare the fact, and announce that the Convention is organized, and ready for business. A Secretary shall be elected. The following committees shall then be appointed by the chair: One of Elections, to consist of three; (to whom the testimonials of the Lay Delegates shall be referred); one on Accounts, to consist of three; one on Parochial contributions, to consist of three; and one

on the rights of Clergymen to seats in the Convention, to consist of three clergymen.

5th. If the Bishop of the Diocese shall not be present at any meeting of the Convention, at the opening of the same, the names of the clergy who were entitled to seats at the preceding Convention, shall be called over by the Secretary of the last Convention; or, in case of his absence, by the first named member of the Standing Committee who may be present.

The lay Delegates shall lay their certificates of appointment on the table, and subscribe the declaration required by the Constitution. If a constitutional quorum be present, a President pro-tempore shall be elected agreeably to the seventh article of the Constitution. A Secretary shall be elected: and then the chair shall appoint the several committees mentioned in the fourth Rule of Order.

6th. The Standing Committee of the preceding year, shall be the committee on the state of the Church; and all parochial reports shall be referred to the said committee.

7th. Every member who shall deliver his opinion, or speak in any debate, shall stand up in his place; and, with respect and decency, address himself to the President.

8th. If two or more members shall rise and speak at the same time, the President shall declare which shall speak first.

9th. No member shall speak more than twice in any debate, except with leave; nor shall any member be interrupted while he is speaking in order. And if any member shall rise to speak more than twice on the same question, without leave, the President shall call him to order.

10th. Any member called to order by the President, or by a member, shall thereupon take his seat.

11th. When the Convention is sitting, no member shall speak to another, so as to interrupt any member who may be speaking in debate.

12th. No motion shall be debated, until the same be seconded; and, if desired by the President, reduced to writing, and read by the Secretary.

13th. When a motion is made and seconded, the matter of the motion shall receive a determination by the question, unless postponed by a motion for postponement, or by the previous question, before any other motion shall be received.

14th. If a question in debate contain more parts than one, any member may have the same divided into as many questions as there are parts.

15th. All questions of order shall be decided by the President. Upon all questions of order, there shall be a right of appeal from the decision of the presiding officer, to the Convention.

16th. No member shall absent himself from the service of the Convention, unless he may have leave, or be unable to attend.

17th. A question being once determined, shall stand as the judgment of the Convention; and shall not be again drawn into debate during the same session, except with the consent of two-thirds of the Convention.

18th. The foregoing Rules of Order shall be deemed and considered the Rules of Order of all future Conventions, until altered or rescinded; and the same shall be published in the Journal of each Convention.

Adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, June 2nd.

The Convention met, pursuant to adjournment, the business was opened with prayers as usual. The Rev'd Jonathan Judd, Rev'd John Johns, and Rev'd Henry Van Dyke Johns, appeared and took their seats. Mr. Walter T. Hall, Mr. S. P. Judd, Mr. John W. Stump, and Mr. John G. Black, presented their testimonials as Lay Delegates, and subscribed the declaration; their certificates were referred to the committee on elections, and being approved, they took their seats as members of the Convention.

Major Jacob Hollingsworth, S. J. Donaldson, Esq. and Gen'l Thomas, were appointed a committee to examine an alleged omission in the last journal: it is there stated in the list of parochial contributions, that Christ church, Baltimore, paid to the Convention fund six dollars, there was paid at the same time, the further sum of ten dollars to the Bishop's fund, which does not appear to be credited.

The following committees were appointed by the President, namely:

On the Rights of Clergymen to seats in this Convention:

Rev'd Mr. Blanchard, Rev. Mr. Gillis, Rev'd S. C. Stratton.

The Rev'd Mr. Blanchard declined serving, and was excused from the performance of this duty. The Rev'd Mr. Judd was appointed in his place.

On Elections of Lay Delegates:

A. C. Magruder Esq., John Goldsborough Esq., W. A. Spencer Esq.

On Parochial Contributions :

Rev'd Mr. Hawley, Gen'l Thomas, F. Rawlings, Esq.

On Accounts :

Rev'd Lemuel Wilmer, Edwin Forman, Esq., Doctor Allen.

The Bishop made the following communication of his Episcopal transactions.

*Rev. Brethren of the Clergy, and
Gentlemen of the Laity :*

IN compliance with the 45th canon of the General Convention, I now present to you my *first* report. It embraces only a part of the Conventional year, from 21st October last to the present time.

The first Episcopal duty that I had to perform, was occasioned by a letter which I received from the Rev. Wm. L. Marshall, a clergyman of this Diocese, bearing date the 21st October, notifying me—"That it was his intention not any longer to discharge the functions of a minister of the Protestant Episcopal Church." In discharge of the duty imposed upon me by the 3rd canon of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, passed at the General Convention, in the year 1829, I have recorded the declaration of the said Wm. L. Marshall, and in the presence of the Rev. Dr. Wyatt, and the Rev. Mr. Keech, have displaced him from his grade in the ministry of this church: due notice thereof has since been given to the ecclesiastical authority of every diocese.

The first confirmation that I held was in Trinity church, Baltimore, in the evening of the 22nd of October: the Rev. Dr. Montgomery from Philadelphia, preached, and thirty-six persons were confirmed. On Sunday the 14th of November, I preached in St. Peter's church, Baltimore, and fifty-seven persons presented themselves to renew and confirm their baptismal vows. In the afternoon of the same day, I officiated in Christ's church, Baltimore; but, in consequence of the protracted illness of the Rector, he had not been able to prepare any of his congregation for confirmation.

Having been absent, nearly two months from my Parish, in consequence of severe family affliction, I considered it a duty that I owed to my Flock, not to leave them again during the term of my engagement. The time that I engaged to officiate in Chester Parish, has expired, and I have not since taken charge of any other church, presuming from the expression of a general desire to separate the duties of the Episcopate from parochial obligations, that something may be done at this Convention, to render such a measure on my part unnecessary. The resolution of the last Conven-

tion upon this subject, has, I believe, been partially attended to; but, I am not able to inform you what amount of funds has been raised towards effecting so desirable an object. The importance of the subject will, no doubt, suggest itself to your consideration during the present session.

The changes in the clerical body that have taken place in the Diocese since the 21st October last, are as follows:

The Rev. Charles P. Elliott, Rector of Trinity church, Prince George's county, has removed to the Diocese of South Carolina. The Rev. Charles Mann, Rector of William and Mary, Charles county, has removed to Alexandria, D. C. within the Diocese of Virginia. The Rev. Ira Parker, has removed from Baltimore, to the Diocese of Virginia. The Rev. Robert Ash, has removed to the Diocese of Kentucky. The Rev. John L. Bryan has removed to the Diocese of Ohio. The Rev. Henry B. Goodwin has removed to the Eastern Diocese. The Rev. George P. Giddinge, has removed to the Diocese of Kentucky. The Rev. Simon Wilmer, has resigned the charge of Queen Ann's Parish, Prince Georges county, and removed to Spring Hill Parish, Somerset. The Rev. Geo. L. Mackenheimer, has removed from St. John's, Prince George's, to Queen Ann's, of the same county.

The following clergyman have removed into the Diocese since October last.

The Rev. Hector Humphreys, from the Diocese of Connecticut, has removed to the City of Annapolis, and taken charge of St. John's College. The Rev. James A. McKinney, a Deacon from the Diocese of New York, has taken charge of King and Queen Parishes, Chaptico. The Rev. Frederick W. Hatch from the Diocese of Virginia, has removed to the city of Washington, and taken charge of Christ Church. The Rev. Christian Wiltberger, from the Diocese of Pennsylvania, removed into this Diocese a few months past; and has recently been appointed to the care of the church at Rock Creek.

The list that follows, gives a correct statement of the visitations made in the Diocese, the names of the churches visited, the dates of the visits, and the number of persons confirmed during the past season.

		White.	Colored.
<i>March</i>	20. Christ church, Baltimore,	39	"
"	" St. Paul's do.	69	"
<i>April</i>	7. Westminster. Anne Arundel county,	"	"
"	8. All Hallow's, do.	"	"
"	9. Queen Ann's (chapel), P. George's county,	"	"

			White.	Colored.
April	10.	Queen Ann's (church), P. George's county,	"	"
"	"	Trinity church, Marlborough,	4	"
"	11.	St. James', Anne Arundel county,	22	"
"	12.	All Saints, Calvert county,	11	"
"	13.	Christ church, do.	4	"
"	14.	do. (chapel), do.	"	"
"	15.	William and Mary, St. Mary's,	17	9
"	16.	King and Queen, Chaptico,	"	"
"	17.	William and Mary, Charles county,	"	"
"	"	Port Tobacco, do.	"	"
"	18.	Durham, do.	"	"
"	"	Port Tobacco, do.	2	2
"	19.	do. St. James' (chapel), do.	4	"
"	"	do. St. P. do. do.	28	"
"	21.	All Faith, St. Mary's,	18	"
"	22.	Trinity (church), Charles county,	29	"
"	"	do. (chapel),	22	"
"	23.	St. P. (church), Prince George's county,	30	"
"	24.	do. (chapel), do.	9	5
"	25.	St. John's, Christ church, do.	25	"
"	26.	do. B. Creek, do.	"	"
"	29.	Christ church, George Town, D. C.	20	5
"	30.	Rock Creek, do.	"	"
May	1.	St. John's, Washington do.	13	2
"	"	Christ church, do. do.	32	3
"	"	Trinity do. do.	42	2
"	2.	St. John's, George Town, do.	"	"
"	3.	Addison's chapel,	14	"
"	4.	Zion church,	15	"
"	5.	Queen Ann's (chapel), P. George's county,	2	2
"	6.	Miss Mercer's Seminary,	8	"
"	8.	St. Anna's, Annapolis,	13	"
"	"	do. do.	"	"

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Oct. 22 }	1830.	Trinity church, Baltimore,	36	00
Nov. 14 }		St. Peter's, do. do.	57	00

The whole number confirmed, 535 30

During my late visitation I consecrated to the worship of Almighty God, two chapels in Port Tobacco Parish, by the names

of St. James' and St. Paul's chapels; also, the church in St. John's Parish, Prince George's, by the name of Christ church.

On Sunday, 24th April, in the chapel of St. Paul's, Prince George's county, I admitted to the holy order of Priests, the Rev. John Swan, who since his ordination has accepted an appointment to Trinity church, Upper Marlborough. The Rev. L. Wilmer, and the Rev. Mr. Grigg were present, and united in the imposition of hands.

A variety of circumstances had occurred to postpone the decision of the church in the case of the Rev. T. Clowes, L. L. D. formerly Rector of the Parish in this place. On Monday, 28th March, however, the Standing Committee met, after due canonical notice, and legal summons to attend the trial being given him by a special messenger, sent on for that purpose. In consequence of the absence of the accused, at the appointed time, I proceeded to pronounce him suspended for contumacy, in correspondence with the provisions of the 28th canon of the State Convention; and at the expiration of six months, unless he should during that period come forward and request a trial, the sentence of degradation will be finally pronounced, and without further process, he will be dismissed from the ministry.

The President of the last Convention requests me to state, that few matters of moment occurred during the period which intervened between the last Convention, and my consecration in October. The measures adopted in furtherance of the last named event, and the removal of clergymen to or from the Convention, being the only communications to be received from the President of the Convention, will be found recorded on the Journal of the Standing Committee.

There is one more subject to which I would call your attention before I close this report.

The Missionary Society, which was established in this Diocese many years ago, has, from some cause, ceased to perform any efficient operations. At this time it exists only in name, and unless something is done to arouse its energies, it might as well not exist. The Rt. Rev. Bishop Onderdonk, after visiting a part of this Diocese, in his report to the Convention, strenuously recommends the system of Diocesan Missions, and concludes by observing—"should the Diocese of Maryland deem it advisable to carry this system into extensive and vigorous operation, I feel confident that the success will be more than proportional to the effort." And the Rev. President of our late Conventions, also suggested his views upon the subject; "I cannot," says he, "refrain from suggesting, the great and increasing necessity which appears to exist in many sections of the

Diocese, for the service of Missionaries. It is truly painful to witness there, the languishing state of the church; and nothing but the energetic co-operation of all the parishes, in behalf of an extended Missionary system, can procure for our church the prosperity, to which her evangelical doctrines, her pure worship, and her divine origin, justly entitle her."

It is certainly an imperious duty, that we owe to the church, to put forth our energies with zeal, in order to save her from entire prostration. In some parts of our Diocese, she is only known by name, and the present generation are reminded of her former existence by the remains of her dilapidated temples. In other parts again, there are a few Episcopalians, who yet survive, and are warmly attached to her venerable forms of worship. They deeply deplore the causes that have operated in producing such a lamentable state of things; but, are without the necessary means of procuring the regular ministrations of a stationed minister of the church. Can we sit uninterested spectators of those sad events, and feel no disposition to reach out our hands in aid of our suffering brethren? I am sure that you possess too much christian feeling, to turn a deaf ear to their importunate solicitations. They do not ask us to take the whole burden upon ourselves; for they are ready and willing to co-operate with us in raising funds, if we will promise to send a Missionary to preach unto them the words of eternal life.

What we intend to do, let us do quickly. No time will ever be more proper than the present, to set about the important work. A few years more will close the earthly scene of many, who are now perishing for lack of knowledge. Can we hesitate one moment about the duty we ought to perform? "Freely ye have received, freely give." If he, who gave a cup of cold water to a disciple of Christ, did not lose his reward; how much greater must our reward be, if, by our timely efforts and persevering endeavors, we are made instrumental in saving many souls from death.

The domestic and foreign Missionary Society have kindly offered to the Diocese of Maryland two hundred and fifty dollars for one year, provided a Missionary is employed by the proper authority.

The following resolution was submitted: *Resolved*, That a committee of three gentlemen of the Clergy, and three of the Laity, with the Bishop as chairman, ex-officio, be appointed to enquire into and report to this Convention, some plan, by which the Domestic Missionary Society may be so enlarged, as to meet all the exigencies of the church. This resolution was adopted; and the following committee appointed:

Rev'd Dr. Wyatt,
Dr. Henshaw,
Mr. Blanchard,

S. J. Donaldson, Esq.
Gen. Chambers,
Wm. W. Johnson, Esq

Resolved, That all Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal church now in this place, but not members of this body, be admitted to the sittings of the Convention.

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to have printed, 2000 copies of the charge, delivered by the Rt. Rev'd Bishop Stone at the opening of this Convention.

Resolved, That it be proposed to the vestries of the several parishes in this diocese, to add the following, to the 9th article of the constitution. "And if a vacancy shall occur by death, removal, resignation, or otherwise, the remaining members or a majority of them, shall be authorised to fill such vacancy; always supplying the vacancy, by one of the order of priests." The whole article will then read thus:—Art. 9th. Before the adjournment of each Annual Convention, a standing committee consisting of seven members, four on the Western, and three on the Eastern shore shall be chosen, from among the order of priests, by a joint ballot of the clergy and laity. And if a vacancy shall occur by death, removal, resignation, or otherwise, the remaining members, or a majority of them, shall be authorised to fill such vacancy; always supplying the vacancy, by one of the order of priests.

It was on motion, **Resolved,** That a committee of three be appointed, to report to this Convention, what steps can with propriety be taken, during this sitting, to provide a support for the Bishop. Committee on this resolution :

A. C. Magruder, Esq.,
John Goldsborough, Esq.,

James Howard, Esq.

The committee on accounts presented their report, which was accepted, as follows:

The committee on Accounts report, that they have examined the accounts and statements of the Treasurer of the Convention, and find that there remained in his hands, as by account rendered to the last Convention, the sum of - - - - - \$112.18½

That he has received in cash since the last Convention, the sum of : - - - - - 308.00

\$420.18½

That he has presented vouchers which entitled him to a credit of - - - - - 421.74

Leaving due to the said Treasurer, a balance of - - - - - \$1.55½

LEMUEL WILMER, *Chairman.*

The committee on the rights of clergymen to seats in this Convention presented the following report :

The committee appointed upon the rights of Clerical Members to seats in this Convention, report in favour of the following clergymen :

Rev'd Chas. C. Austin,
William Armstrong,
Mervin Allen,
Henry Aisquith,
Grandison Aisquith,
Walter D. Addison,
John A. Adams,
John V. Bartow,
Thomas Bayne,
John G. Blanchard,
Thomas Billopp,
John T. Brook,
W. F. Chesley,
John Claxton,
Wm. Duke,
R. B. Drane,
John Forman,
L. J. Gilliss,
R. W. Goldsborough,
John Grigg,
Hector Humphreys,
J. P. K. Henshaw, D. D.,
Frederick W. Hatch,
W. Hawley,
M. Harris,
E. Y. Higbee,
Jonathan Judd,

Rev'd Henry V. D. Johns,
John Johns,
Thomas Jackson,
Leonard H. Johns,
Norris M. Jones,
Clement F. Jones,
John R. Keech,
Francis H. L. Laird,
George McElhiney,
R. H. B. Mitchell,
James A. McKinney,
G. L. Mackenheimer,
Robert Prout,
Thomas Ried,
Wm. H. Rees,
Jared Rice,
Samuel C. Stratton,
Neale H. Shaw,
Wm. A. Smallwood,
Joseph Spencer,
John Swan,
Charles Williams, D. D.,
Lemuel Wilmer,
Simon Wilmer,
John Wiley,
Christian Wiltberger,
W. E. Wyatt, D. D. 53

This report was approved, with the exception of the claim of the Rev. Mr. Claxton, whose title to a seat was objected to, as not being in conformity with the requirements of the 2nd article of the constitution. The following resolution was offered: Resolved, that the Rev. Mr. Claxton is entitled to a seat in this Convention, he being employed as a teacher in a Sunday School, *incorporated by a Law of Maryland*. The Ayes and Noes, on the acceptance of this resolution, being called for, were, Ayes 26, Noes 29; as follows :

Ayes :

Rev'd Thomas Bayne,
John Forman,

Noes :

Rev'd Charles C. Austin,
William Armstrong,

Ayes.

Rev'd John Grigg,
 Norris M. Jones,
 Clement F. Jones,
 George McElhiney,
 Joseph Spencer,
 Hector Humphreys,
 Mr. A. C. Magruder,
 George D. Parnham,
 Samuel J. Donaldson,
 William Murdoch,
 Wm. W. Johnston,
 Charles W. Howard,
 Thomas W. Veazey,
 Edwin Forman,
 Samuel Brown, jr.
 Jacob Hollingsworth,
 John T. Hawkins,
 R. N. Allen,
 Richard Thomas,
 Wm. A. Spencer,
 E. F. Chambers,
 James C. Gittings,
 John W. Stump,
 James Thomas,

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Noes.

Rev'd Mervin Allen,
 Henry Aisquith,
 John Alexander Adams,
 John T. Brooke,
 William F. Chesley,
 J. P. K. Henshaw,
 William Hawley,
 John Johns,
 Henry V. D. Johns,
 Thomas Jackson,
 John Swan,
 Lemuel Wilmer,
 Fred'k W. Hatch,
 C. Wiltberger,
 G. L. Mackenheimer.
 Robert Prout,
 Mr. Joseph J. Jones,
 James Howard,
 Nathaniel Knight,
 John Thomas,
 Alex. N. Kilgour,
 Nathaniel Duke,
 Thomas H. Marshall,
 Edward Ingle,
 Arthur Shaaff,
 Frederick Rawlings,
 Vernon H. Dorsey,

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It was then resolved, that the Rev. Mr. Claxton be admitted to an honorary seat in this Convention, by special invitation of the same.

The committee on the election of Lay-Delegates reported in favour of the gentlemen whose names appear at the end of the Journal. The Convention agreed that the absence of a testimonial in the case of Gen. Thomas, was satisfactorily accounted for, and, that he was entitled to his seat.

The committee appointed on the subject of Pew Rights, made a report, accompanied by the legal opinion of Mr. Bayly, as follows:

According to the law of England, the parishioners (who are bound to keep in repair the church, and the pews in it,) are entitled to seats, and we are told, that the power of the ordinary is merely to distribute the pews, among those, who are entitled to seats in the church; "of common right, observes an old English lawyer, all the seats in the church belong to the parishioners in general, who are

bound to repair the church: but for the better order and to prevent the confusion which would follow if every parishioner sat where he pleased, the ordinary has been allowed to dispose of the seats. It is also the law of England, that no title to a pew can exist but by prescription, or by a faculty, that is, a grant of the pew by the ordinary. A seat in a church *there*, does not belong to the *person*, but to the *house*. And we are informed by Coke, in his commentary upon Littleton, that "neither can a nobleman, esquire, &c. claim a seat in a church by prescription, as appendant or belonging to *land*, but to a *house*." A faculty or grant of the right to occupy a pew, cannot be to a man *and his heirs*; again, we are told in Jacob's law dictionary, "church wardens," that particular persons may prescribe to have a seat as belonging to them by reason of their estates, as being an ancient messuage, &c. *and the seats having been constantly repaired by them*. See Thomas' Co. lib. p. 207, Comyn's reports 366. Comyn's digest, "Esglise." (E. 3.)

In most of the cases in the English books, the persons claiming a right to occupy a pew, or seat in a church, had themselves been at the expense of erecting it; still however, the officers of the parish could not give them a fee simple title to the pews; such an attempt would be inconsistent with the obligation, which such officers are under, as well in Maryland, as in England, to provide seats within the church or churches of the parish, for all belonging to the parish, who are Episcopalians, and are willing to contribute their proportion of the expense necessary to keep the property in repair, and to the support of the minister. Of their duty to provide as well as they can, accommodations for the really poor of the parish, it is not necessary to speak here. Of the nature of a title to a seat or pew in a church in England, we may judge from a late regulation, said to have been adopted by the Bishop of Chester, and which makes common property of every pew in a church which is not occupied when the service commences; thus giving to the meanest beggar in the kingdom a right during the service to shut out of what he calls his own pew, any nobleman of the land.

Allusion has been made to the law of England upon this subject, because, it is supposed that many utterly groundless claims, which are made to pews in this state, are founded exclusively upon what is thought to be the law of England, and the law which existed in Maryland, while the church to which we belong was the religion established and supported by law.

No such absolute, alienable, or indefeisible right to pews, ever existed in the church of our fathers; on the contrary, the power of the proper officers, to enlarge or contract the building—to alter partially or entirely the interior of it, to add to the number of pews—

have a good title and estate in all other property heretofore
belonging to the Church of England, or which shall hereafter be-
long to the said church, now called the Protestant Episcopal
Church in Maryland; and it shall be lawful for such vestry so to
manage and direct all such property, as they may think most ad-
vantageous to the interests of the *parishioners*; and they shall also
manage the property in all books, plate and other ornaments, belong-
ing to said churches, and chapels, or any of them." 1798, ch. 24.
§ 2. and in the clause (28th) which declares the vestry to be a
civil body, allows it to hold property, "and to apply the same to
the use of their respective parishes, provided the clear yearly value
shall not exceed \$2,000" exclusive of the *rents of pews*, collections,
churches, funeral charges and the like; this view of the subject
renders it unnecessary to take particular notice of the 31st clause of
the act of 1798. This clause was evidently inserted *ex-abundanti*
ca, and cannot change the law upon this subject. No body, it
is supposed, would make it the duty of the vestry, to dispossess for
the benefit of others, those already in the peaceable possession of a
seat, and contributing their reasonable part of the expense, neces-
sary to be borne, in order to accomplish the purposes for which the
church was erected; neither would it be contended that upon the
death of the head of a family, the other members of that family, al-
though disposed to bear their share of the burthens, would not have
a claim to retain their former seats. Such is the law of our
country, and such is the law of every other religious community in
the world.

Seats of worship erected by any denomination of christians, are
for the use of the members of such denomination, and no interest
is claimed in them by individuals who have become members

to remove pews, in order to substitute benches, or to erect pews in the place of benches, or to take down the old, and erect an entirely new building, will not admit of question.

If such was the case formerly, when the church and its ministry were supported by enactments of the state, and when the people, whether of the church, or dissenting from it, were required by law to contribute to its support, still more true with respect to every religious society, must it be now, when the state makes no provision for the support of religion in any form, but acknowledges the right of each individual to support whatever denomination he pleases, and to be subject only to the regulations of that religious society to which he attaches himself.

Every congregation among us is a voluntary association of the individuals who belong to it, for the worship of Almighty God, according to some particular form previously determined upon, and from this association each individual who once belonged to it, has a legal right whenever he pleases, to retire, and will then be no longer bound to contribute to the expenses which are afterwards incurred in the support of it. While, however, he continues to be a member of such an association, and claims the privileges belonging to a member, he must also consent to bear his share of the burthen. An individual cannot claim the privilege of a member of any such society, or of any other association, without discharging the obligations which are necessarily incurred by each member—without *contributing* his just and equitable proportion of the necessary and reasonable expenses to be borne by said association. This doctrine of *contribution*, says Chancellor Kent, (4 Johnson's Ch. Reports) "exists in the common law, and is bottomed, and fixed on general principles of Justice." It "rests on the principle that where the parties stand *in equali jure*, the law requires equality, which is equity, and one (or more) of them, shall not be obliged to bear the burden in ease of the rest." Again, he tells us, "the doctrine of contribution is founded not on contract, but on the principle that equality of burthen, (as to a common right) is equity." This doctrine is as applicable to the rights of members of a congregation, to the church, and to seats in it, as to any other property in which men may have a joint interest. Hence it would follow, that if persons once members of a congregation, retained a pew right after they removed from the parish, or, ceased to be members of the Protestant Episcopal church, they would still be bound to contribute a portion of the expenses of the parish. "The obligation arises not from argument, but from the nature of the relation, or *quasi ex contractee*, and if the relation still continued, then "one party can compel the other by action to contribute to the expense."

Such being the law, where there is joint ownership, it is evidently the interest of all parties, that there should not exist in pews, or in seats in church, any such absolute estate. Accordingly our Act of Assembly neither confers nor recognizes any such right, or interest in pews, but declares that the vestry of each parish, for the time being "*as trustees of the parish*, shall have an estate in fee simple in all churches and chapels, and in all glebes, and other lands, and shall have a good title and estate in all other property heretofore belonging to the Church of England, or which shall hereafter belong to the said church, now called the Protestant Episcopal Church in Maryland; and it shall be lawful for such vestry so to manage and direct all such property, as they may think most advantageous to the interests of the *parishioners*; and they shall also have the property in all books, plate and other ornaments, belonging to said churches, and chapels, or any of them." 1798, ch. 24. sect. 9. and in the clause (28th) which declares the vestry to be a body politic, allows it to hold property, "and to apply the same to the use of their respective parishes, provided the clear yearly value shall not exceed \$2,000" exclusive of *the rents of pews*, collections in churches, funeral charges and the like; this view of the subject renders it unnecessary to take particular notice of the 31st clause of the act of 1798. This clause was evidently inserted *ex-abundanti cautela*, and cannot change the law upon this subject. No body, it is supposed, would make it the duty of the vestry, to dispossess for the benefit of others, those already in the peaceable possession of a pew, and contributing their reasonable part of the expense, necessary to be borne, in order to accomplish the purposes for which the church was erected; neither would it be contended that upon the death of the head of a family, the other members of that family, although disposed to bear their share of the burthens, would not have a just claim to retain their former seats. Such is the law of our church, and such is the law of every other religious community in the state.

Places of worship erected by any denomination of christians, are for the use of the members of such denomination, and no interest can be claimed in them by individuals who have become members of any other religious denomination. They are of course subject to such regulations, as those entrusted with the power shall from time to time establish. Any other doctrine would be ruinous to any religious community: for who would contribute to the erection of the building, if after it was erected, the other contributors, although they had removed away, or connected themselves with other denominations of christians, could still claim a property in the seats in church, and thus prevent others, who are disposed to become

members of the congregation, and to assist in the support of the minister, from obtaining the necessary accommodations in the building?

The pews would be diverted from the purpose for which they were erected, if they could be claimed by persons not disposed to occupy them during divine service; if they could be made the property of individuals who have not the disposition, and cannot be required to contribute to the support of the minister of the parish. All who separate from a parish, must thereby necessarily lose all the rights and privileges which belong to members of the parish:—must relinquish all the interest which they once had in the property, real or personal, which our vestry act, vests in the body corporate “*as trustees of the parish,*” and to be managed as the vestry shall “*think most advantageous to the interest of the parishioners.*” It will be added that it is the duty of every professor of christianity, besides being “*a cheerful giver*” for the support of religion, and its ordinances, in his parish and elsewhere to sustain and promote every effort, which may be made to provide accommodations within the church building for every person, whether rich or poor, who may be disposed to worship in the church edifice.

Your committee think it proper to make part of their report a letter written upon the subject by an eminent legal character, some years ago. It will be observed, that this letter was addressed by him to a gentleman who was himself a profound lawyer, and for many years, had been a judge of our superiour courts. In the opinion expressed in the letter, so far as it had relation to the parish, on account of which the enquiry was made, it is understood that Judge Done entirely concurred. Although as it concerns the law of England, the opinion of Mr. Bayly does not seem to coincide in every respect with that of the committee, yet the difference cannot effect the decision of any question, upon which it is required of the committee to report.

The committee would therefore suggest the propriety of inserting said letter, with this report, upon the Journal of the Convention.

(Copy.)

June 1st, 1815.

Dear Sir,

In yours of the 29th ult. you state that the church in Princess Anne was formerly built by subscription, that the contributors are all dead, and their descendants, or those who have formed connexions with their families, claim an absolute exclusive right in the pews originally allotted to their ancestors. My opinion is requested whether such claims are well founded. In making your statement, I presume the claimants have no other right to the pews than such

as you have mentioned, and upon that principle shall give you my opinion. By the act of 1798, ch. 24, sec. 9, the vestry of each parish are vested, as trustees, with the fee simple in all churches and chapels, &c., with the power to manage and direct the same most to the advantage or benefit of the parishioners, and best to answer the ends for which those churches or chapels were erected: by the 31st sec., the power of selling or renting the pews of the church, is recognized to be in the vestry, in all cases except when the exercise of such power would interfere with any existing right or title already vested. The existence of such a right or title must be derived from the vestry; and when vested, cannot be divested or interfered with, as long as the party performs that implied or express condition upon which the grant was made. The right or title to a pew in the church, is upon the implied condition that the party continues a member of the church, for if he should cease to be a member, or join a different sect, or becomes a professed worshipper in a different system of religion, it cannot be supposed that his right should still continue to the exclusion of the faithful believer. It may also be, upon express condition, that he pay annually a certain rent, for the support of a Minister; so long as he complies, his right cannot be disturbed, but may be forfeited by a non-compliance. The right also may be considered personal; and dies with the proprietor, although his right may have continued undisturbed during his life; it is not either a real estate or in the nature of such estate, and cannot therefore be transmitted as an inheritance or be divided. In England, pews in the church, by special or immemorial custom are considered in the nature of heir looms, and descend from the ancestor to the heir; but that branch of the common law is inapplicable to this country, and more particularly in this state, where churches or church property are the entire creatures of, and subject to the control and regulations of particular laws made for that special purpose. All rights and titles to pews must be derived from that source and none other. Voluntary contributions for building a church, cannot thereby vest a title in the party to any portion or section of the house; but a right to a seat or pew may be given by the vestry or managers in consideration of such contributions.—A right thus given, is only a privilege to be enjoyed according to the terms and extent of the grant, which must be resorted to in ascertaining the nature and correctness of a claim derived from an ancestor who once held such privilege. An alien to the church can have no right, although his ancestor once held a title. If it were otherwise, after a few generations shall have passed away, all the seats or pews of a church might be owned and claimed by strangers and schismatics, to the entire exclusion of its adherents or children,

which would be abused and repugnant to reason. Therefore I am clearly of opinion that if the claimants have no better title than such as you have mentioned, their claim is altogether without foundation—and that the vestry have clearly the control and power over the arrangement and regulations of the pews for the purposes designated in the laws, and that they have ample powers to dispose of them in such manner as shall best accomplish the ends for which they were made, and they as a corporate body were created. My engagements are such, that it is not in my power to communicate to you at present my ideas and reasons more fully. You will therefore excuse this hasty answer to your question.

I am yours, with great esteem, &c.,

JOHN DONE, *Esq.*

JOSIAH BAYLY.

On the question, shall this report and the accompanying document, be accepted and spread on the journal? It was decided in the affirmative, by Ayes and Noes, as follows:

Ayes.

Rev'd Charles C. Austin,
William Armstrong,
Mervin Allen,
Henry Aisquith,
John V. Bartow,
Thomas Bayne,
Thomas Billopp,
John T. Brooke,
William F. Chesley,
John Forman,
Levin I. Gilliss,
Robert W. Goldsborough,
John Grigg,
William Hawley,
Edward Y. Higbee,
Jonathan Judd,
John Johns,
Henry V. D. Johns,
Thomas Jackson,
Norris M. Jones,
John R. Keech,
George McElhiney,
G. L. Mackenheimer,
Robert Prout,
Joseph Spencer,
W. E. Wyatt, D. D.
John Wiley.
Mr. A. C. Magruder,

Ayes.

Mr. George D. Parnham,
Samuel I. Donaldson,
Noah Ridgely,
William Murdoch,
Wm. W. Johnston,
Charles W. Howard,
Thos. W. Veazey,
Joseph I. Jones,
John Goldsborough,
Edwin Forman,
Nathaniel Knight,
Samuel Brown, Jr.,
Jacob Hollingsworth,
Alexander Kilgour,
Nathaniel Duke,
John T. Hawkins,
R. N. Allen,
Richard Thomas,
Edward Ingle,
Frederick Rawlings,
Thomas Arbuckle,
E. F. Chambers,
James C. Gittings,
W. T. Hall,
S. P. Judd,
John W. Stump,
John G. Black.

Noes.

Noes.

Rev'd John Alexander Adams,
Mr. Thomas H. Marshall,

Mr. Wm. A Spencer,
Vernon H. Dorsey. 4

On motion, Resolved, that the Convention go into the election of a Standing Committee, to-morrow, at 1 o'clock, P. M.

A. C. Magruder, Esq., presented sundry resolutions, which were read, and ordered to lie on the table until to-morrow. Adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, June 3rd.

The Bishop having appointed an ordination to take place this morning, divine service was conducted by the Rev. Mr. McElhiney, the ordination sermon and charge were delivered by the Rev. Doctor Wyatt. The Rev. Norris M. Jones, and the Rev. Christian Wiltberger were admitted to the holy order of priests. After the administration of the Lord's supper, the Convention proceeded to business. The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

John G. Chapman, Esq. presented his testimonial as lay delegate from Port Tobacco parish: his certificate being approved, he took his seat.

Noah Ridgely, Esq. was re-elected Treasurer of the Convention.

A communication from the Secretary of the house of clerical and lay deputies in the last General Convention, was read as follows: "Resolved, that the Secretary of this house be, and is hereby authorised to write to the Secretary of each Diocesan Convention, and request that a special assessment of 25 cents for each clergyman, be collected and remitted to said Secretary for the purpose of paying the debt now due from the General Convention."

It was then, on motion, Resolved, that the Secretary be authorised to draw on the Treasurer for the sum required, and remit the same to the Secretary of the General Convention, for the purpose above specified.

The Rev. Doctor Wyatt, Rev. J. V. Bartow and S. I. Donaldson, Esq. were appointed a committee to enquire into, and report to the next Convention, on the practicability, and expediency, of re-publishing the Journal of the convention of this Diocese, from the period of its organization to the present time.

The parochial reports were called for, and being read were laid on the table.

The Standing Committee presented a report of their proceedings for the past year.

The Treasurer was authorised to pay the sum of twenty-five dollars, expenses incurred by the Standing Committee in prosecuting the trial of Doctor Clowes.

this Diocese, to the last Wednesday in May, is hereby adopted and become a part of the Constitution.

Ayes.

Rev'd William Armstrong,
Henry Aisquith,
John V. Bartow,
Thomas Bayne,
John G. Blanchard,
Thomas Billopp,
John T. Brooke,
John Forman,
Levin I. Gillis,
John Grigg,
J. P. K. Henshaw,
William Hawley,
Edward Y. Higbee,
Jonathan Judd,
John Johns,
Henry V. D. Johns,
Thomas Jackson,
George McElhiney,
G. L. Mackenheimer,
Robert Prout,
Samuel C. Stratton,
Joseph Spencer,
John Swan,
W. E. Wyatt,
Lemuel Wilmer,
John Wiley,
Hector Humphreys,
Frederick W. Hatch,
Christian Wiltberger.

CLERGY, 29

Noes.

Rev'd C. C. Austin,
John Alex Adams,
William F. Chesley,
R. W. Goldsborough,
Norris M. Jones,
Clement F. Jones,
John R. Keech,
Simon Wilmer.

CLERGY, 8

Ayes.

Mr. A. C. Magruder,
George D. Parnham,
Noah Ridgely,
Samuel I. Donaldson,
William Murdoch,
Charles W. Howard,
Thomas W. Veazey,
Joseph J. Jones,
Edwin Forman,
T. W. Johnson,
Nathaniel Knight,
Samuel Brown, Jr.,
Jacob Hollingsworth,
Alex. Kilgour,
Thomas H. Marshall,
John T. Hawkins,
R. N. Allen,
Edward Ingle,
Arthur Shaaff,
Wm. A. Spencer,
Thomas Arbuckle,
E. F. Chambers,
James C. Gittings,
W. T. Hall,
S. P. Judd,
John W. Stump,
John G. Black,
James Thomas.

LAITY, 28.

Noes.

Mr. Wm. W. Johnston,
John Thomas,
Nathaniel Duke,
Richard Thomas,
Vernon H. Dorsey,
John G. Chapman.

LAITY, 6

The following resolution, offered for consideration at the last Convention, was called up to be finally acted upon. Be it Resolved, that the proposal made at the last Convention, to the several vestries, to alter the article which prescribes the mode of electing a Bishop for the Diocese, so as to require a majority only of the Two Orders, in order to elect, be and the same is hereby adopted and become a part of the constitution. The Ayes and Noes on this resolution are as follows:—

Ayes.

Rev'd Henry Aisquith,
John V. Bartow,
Thomas Bayne,
John G. Blanchard,
Thomas Billopp,
John Forman,
L. I. Gilliss,
R. W. Goldsborough,
John Grigg,
Edward Y. Higbee,
Jonathan Judd,
Norris M. Jones,
Clement F. Jones,
John R. Keech,
George McElhiney,
Joseph Spencer,
W. E. Wyatt,
John Wiley,
Hector Humphreys.

CLERGY, 19

Ayes.

Mr. A. C. Magruder,
George D. Parnham,
Samuel I. Donaldson,
Wm. W. Johnston,
Charles W. Howard,
Thomas W. Veazey,
John Goldsborough,
Edwin Forman,
Nathaniel Knight,
Samuel Brown, jr.
Jacob Hollingsworth,
Alex. Kilgour,
John T. Hawkins,
R. N. Allen,
Richard Thomas,
Frederick Rawlings,
Wm. A. Spencer,
E. F. Chambers,
James C. Gittings,
W. T. Hall,
S. P. Judd,
John W. Stump,
James Thomas,

LAITY, 23

Noes :

Rev'd Chas. C. Austin,
William Armstrong,
Mervin Allen,
John Alexander Adams,
John T. Brooke,
William F. Chesley,
J. P. K. Henshaw,
William Hawley,

Noes :

Mr. Noah Ridgely,
William Murdoch,
Joseph I. Jones, -
James Howard,
John Thomas,
Nathaniel Duke,
Thomas H. Marshall,
Edward Ingle,

Noes.

Rev'd John Johns,
 Henry V. D. Johns,
 Thomas Jackson,
 G. L. Mackenheimer.
 Robert Prout,
 Samuel C. Stratton,
 John Swan,
 Lemuel Wilmer,
 Simon Wilmer,
 Fred'k W. Hatch,
 Christian Wiltberger,

CLERGY, 19

Noes.

Mr. Arthur Shaaff,
 Thomas Arbuckle,
 Vernon H. Dorsey,
 John G. Black,
 John G. Chapman.

LAIITY, 13

There being an equal number of clerical votes in the affirmative and negative, the resolution was not adopted by that order, and thus was pronounced rejected.

Resolved, that the proposal to alter the 5th Article of the Constitution, "Provided that no suffragan, or assistant Bishop, shall at any time be elected without the votes of at least two-thirds of the Two Orders separately taken," be and the same is hereby indefinitely postponed.

Ayes.

Rev'd Charles C. Austin,
 William Armstrong,
 Henry Aisquith,
 John Alex. Adams,
 John V. Bartow,
 Thomas Bayne,
 John G. Blanchard,
 Thomas Billopp,
 John T. Brooke,
 W. F. Chesley,
 John Forman,
 Levin I. Gilliss,
 R. W. Goldsborough,
 John Grigg,
 J. P. K. Henshaw, D. D.,
 W. Hawley,
 Jonathan Judd,
 John Johns,
 Henry V. D. Johns,
 Thomas Jackson,

Ayes.

Mr. A. C. Magruder,
 George D. Parnham,
 Noah Ridgely,
 Samuel I. Donaldson,
 William Murdoch,
 William W. Johnston,
 Charles W. Howard,
 Thomas W. Veazey,
 Joseph I. Jones,
 John Goldsborough,
 Edwin Forman,
 T. W. Johnson,
 James Howard,
 Nathaniel Knight,
 Samuel Brown, Jr.,
 Jacob Hollingsworth,
 John Thomas,
 Alexander Kilgour,
 Thomas H. Marshall,
 John T. Hawkins,

John R. Keech,
George McElhiney,
G. L. Mackenheimer,
Robert Prout,
Samuel C. Stratton,
Joseph Spencer,
John Swan,
W. E. Wyatt,
Lemuel Wilmer,
Simon Wilmer,
Hector Humphreys,
Frederick W. Hatch,
C. Wiltberger,

CLERGY, 33

R. N. Allen,
Richard Thomas,
Edward Ingle,
Arthur Shaaff,
Frederick Rawlings,
Wm. A. Spencer,
Thomas Arbuckle,
E. F. Chambers,
James C. Gittings,
Vernon H. Dorsey,
W. T. Hall,
S. P. Judd,
John W. Stump,
John G. Black,
James Thomas,
J. G. Chapman.

LAITY, 36

Noes.

Rev'd Edward Y. Higbee,
Clement F. Jones,
John Wiley.

CLERGY, 3

Noes.

Mr. Nath'l Duke.

LAITY, 1

The following resolution was then submitted. Be it resolved, that the proposal of the last Convention, to the several parishes, to add to the 5th Article of the constitution, "Provided, that whenever it shall be proposed to elect an assistant Bishop of this Diocese, notice thereof, shall be given at an Annual Convention, and the election shall take place at the succeeding Annual Convention," is hereby adopted, and become a part of the constitution of the church, in this Diocese.

Ayes.

Rev'd C. C. Austin,
William Armstrong,
Mervin Allen,
John Alex. Adams,
John T. Brooke,
John Grigg,
J. P. K. Henshaw,
William Hawley,
John Johns,
Henry V. D. Johns,
Thomas Jackson,

Ayes.

Mr. Noah Ridgely,
William Murdoch,
Joseph I. Jones,
T. W. Johnson,
James Howard,
John Thomas,
Nathaniel Duke,
Thomas H. Marshall,
R. N. Allen,
Edward Ingle,
Arthur Shaaff,

Ayes.

Rev'd G. L. Mackenheimer,
 Robert Prout,
 Samuel C. Stratton,
 John Swan,
 Lemuel Wilmer,
 Simon Wilmer.
 Frederick W. Hatch,
 Christian Wiltberger.

CLERGY, 19

Ayes.

Mr. Frederick Rawlings,
 Thomas Arbuckle,
 Vernon H. Dorsey,
 John G. Chapman.

LAITY, 15

Noes.

Rev'd Henry Aisquith,
 John V. Bartow,
 Thomas Bayne,
 John G. Blanchard,
 Thomas Billopp,
 William F. Chesley,
 John Forman,
 Levin I. Gilliss,
 Robert W. Goldsborough,
 Edward Y. Higbee,
 Jonathan Judd,
 Norris M. Jones,
 Clement F. Jones,
 John R. Keech,
 Geo. McElhiney,
 Joseph Spencer,
 W. E. Wyatt,
 John Wiley,
 Hector Humphreys,

CLERGY, 19

Noes.

Mr. A. C. Magruder,
 George D. Parnham,
 Samuel I. Donaldson,
 Wm. W. Johnston,
 Charles W. Howard,
 Thos. W. Veazey,
 John Goldsborough,
 Edwin Forman,
 Nathaniel Knight,
 Samuel Brown, Jr.,
 Jacob Hollingsworth,
 Alex. Kilgour,
 John T. Hawkins,
 Richard Thomas,
 Wm. A. Spencer,
 E. F. Chambers,
 James C. Gittings,
 W. T. Hall,
 S. P. Judd,
 John W. Stump,
 John G. Black,
 James Thomas.

LAITY, 22

On motion, it was Resolved, as the sense of this Convention, that whenever in the constitution or canons of this Diocese, the words, "State of Maryland," or "Maryland" occurs, intended as descriptive of the extent or general character of the church in this State or Diocese, it ought to be understood as embracing the whole Diocese, as well that portion situated within the present limits of the District of Columbia, as that part which is within the geographical limits of the State of Maryland.

Report of the committee upon the subject of providing a fund for the support of the Bishop:—

The committee must be allowed to express their regret, that more attention has not been paid in the parishes, to the recommendation of the last convention upon this subject. In the Chester-Town parish, it appears, that soon after the adjournment of the last Convention, a plan for raising a sufficient fund for the support of the Episcopate, was prepared and recommended by its vestry, to the other parishes: it appears moreover, that in that parish, something more was done than merely to propose a plan, that a subscription paper was handed to several of the parishioners, and it is proper it shall be mentioned to the credit of those in that parish to whom it was handed, that they were mindful of their duty to the church, and not disposed to let its chief officer toil in his arduous office, without an effort to make an adequate provision for his support. In other parishes, it is understood, that similar efforts were made, and the committee have reason to believe, that in no parish, was there any evidence furnished that the members of the church were unwilling to make a suitable provision for the Bishop.

Some parishes probably did not receive a copy of the plan proposed. The committee therefore deem it proper to state, that the proposal was, that each member of the church shall subscribe to the vestry or congregation, such sum as he might be disposed to contribute to form a permanent fund for the support of the Episcopate, and agree to pay one tenth part of the sum subscribed with interest on what was due from him, annually. If this plan, or any suitable plan had been adopted in the several parishes and congregations, and the members of the church had been called upon, the committee cannot doubt that the requisite sum would have been speedily subscribed. The plan prepared, gave to every individual, time to pay the sum which he subscribed, while the interest on it to be annually paid, would have provided an immediate support for the Bishop. Every vestry, however, and every individual in each congregation, was at liberty to suggest a better plan, for themselves, and determine in what way they would contribute to the fund.

It may be that some who possess a willingness to contribute to this fund, yet declined it for the present, because they supposed the requisite funds could not be raised. Your committee in answer to this, would suggest that the course which wisdom and duty dictate to each individual is, to take care that he himself, promptly performs what is required of him, and not to wait till he has ascertained whether his neighbours (who perhaps are waiting to be told what he is willing to do,) will follow his good example. They would respectfully ask, whether if it be believed, that a Bishop is essen-

tial to the well-being of the church, each individual ought not to be willing to give to his fellow churchmen a good example, and to shew to all others that no matter what may be their conduct, he is resolved in this respect as well as in others, to discharge his duty. A few such well disposed individuals in each parish, could not fail to induce even the mere lukewarm, to be likeminded with themselves.

To the clergy of the parishes and congregations upon whose zeal and exertions, this and every other effort to promote the interests of the church very much depends, the committee would observe, that if they wish to have a Bishop so situated as to be able to render the most essential services to the different congregations in this extensive diocese, they must feel it to be their imperative duty to avail themselves of every suitable opportunity to explain to the members of their flocks, the advantages of having such a fund, and the obligation that each individual is under to contribute "according to his ability." It is for the clergy to shew that their own hearts are in the work, that they really feel the importance and necessity of it, and that it is their most earnest desire, not only that the requisite funds may be raised, but that those of whom they are to give an account, should be among the most zealous and liberal contributors to the fund.

In order to the spiritual prosperity of our church, it is necessary, that its chief officer should be in a situation to devote his time to the arduous duties of his office, and to enable him to do this, a permanent fund, the income of which is equal to his support, must be provided. This fund it is the duty of the parishes and congregations to raise, and if the contribution of each person, bears a reasonable proportion to his wealth, no one would feel it to be burdensome: although the precise sum which ought to be contributed by each individual, or each congregation in the Diocese, cannot be ascertained, yet it must be admitted, that while the poor are not to withhold their mite, it is the duty of the rich to "contribute of their abundance." And according to their abundance to this and to every other fund required by the Diocese. It is not designed to intimate that even the most liberal donations by an individual, would furnish conclusive evidence that he had indeed been brought to the knowledge of God and of *His* salvation. But it may safely be affirmed of those who profess to be christians, and especially of those who partake of the most solemn ordinance of our religion, that if while they thus profess themselves to be the humble and devoted disciples of the Lord, they are not "ready to give and glad to distribute," in order to promote *His* glory, and to advance the interests of *His* church; if they are unwilling to remember, that "with

such sacrifices God is well pleased," and without such sacrifices our oblations are vain. Although they may offer to *Him*, the homage of the lip and the bended knee, yet they give to other *deities*, to the world, the flesh, and the devil, their wealth; of all such it may be affirmed that they are christians without christianity: the love of God, is not "shed abroad in their hearts;" "they have no part nor lot in the matter;" they do bring, and as long as they thus act, and thus profess, they will bring reproach on the christian character.

The committee hope that these suggestions will be seriously considered, by the rectors and vestries, and others of the several parishes and congregations, and that a fund so much wanted in our church, will forthwith be raised.

Until such fund is obtained, the committee are of opinion, that the resolution assessing the several parishes and congregations be revised, and of those which are the most able, a large annual contribution ought to be required, the committee submit with this report the following resolution:

Resolved, that in order to provide an annual fund for the Bishop, until a permanent fund is raised, each parish and congregation, in lieu of the sum with which it is now charged for the purpose, shall contribute as follows:

St. Paul's parish, Baltimore,	- - - - -	\$100
St. Peter's church, do.	- - - - -	80
Christ church, do.	- - - - -	60
Trinity church, do.		
Christ church, George Town, D. C.		
St. John's parish, Washington, do.		
Trinity church, do.	do.	
Christ church, do.	do	
All Saints' parish, Frederick-Town,		
St. Anne's parish, Annapolis,		
St. Peter's parish, Talbot county,		
Queen Anne's parish, Prince George's county,		
William and Mary parish, Charles county.		
St. John's parish, Washington	do.	
St. Paul's parish, Prince George's	do.	
St. Paul's parish, Queen Anne's	do.	
St. Michael's, Talbot	do.	
Chester parish, Kent	do.	
St. Jame's parish, Anne Arundel	do.	
St. Margaret's church, Westminster parish,		
Anne Arundel county,		

each \$30

each \$20

St. Stephen's, Cecil; St. Thomas', Baltimore;	}	each 15
William and Mary, St Mary's county,		
All Saints', Calvert do.		
All other parishes and congregations, are required to contribute annually	- - - - -	\$10

The foregoing report was adopted.

Resolved, that the Standing Committee be authorised to appoint an agent or agents at their discretion, whose duty it shall be to visit the different parishes or churches in this Diocese, for the purpose of soliciting and receiving subscriptions, on the terms proposed by the vestry of Chester parish, Kent county; or any other subscriptions, which, when collected, shall be paid over to the Treasurer of this Convention, to be by him invested in some safe and sufficient securities for the permanent support of the Episcopate of this Diocese.

And, *Resolved* further, that any interest on the sum subscribed in any parish or congregation, which shall be paid in the course of the year, shall be a payment of so much of the sum with which said parish or congregation is assessed.

The order of the day was called for, namely, the election of a Standing Committee for the ensuing year:

A number of gentlemen were put in nomination, and upon counting the ballots, (of which the whole number was 76, and the number of votes required to elect being 39,) the following were declared to be duly elected.

Rev'd W. E. Wyatt, D. D.	}	<i>For the Western Shore.</i>
" John R. Keech,		
" John G. Blanchard,		
" R. H. B. Mitchell.	}	<i>For the Eastern Shore.</i>
" Jonathan Judd,		
" Joseph Spencer,		
" Geo. McElhiney,		

It was on motion, *Resolved*, that the members of this Convention have witnessed with the greatest degree of gratification, the useful effects arising from the organization of *Temperance Societies*, and cordially recommend their increase and encouragement.

The Treasurer presented his account for the last year, in reference to the fund for the support of the Episcopate, which account was approved by the Convention, and is as follows:

The Treasurer of the Convention, who was authorised by the last Convention to receive and invest the money which has been, or may hereafter be paid in, on account of the Bishop's fund; and also, to receive the dividends and interest which may arise from the said fund, takes leave to report, that he has received from the com-

mittee appointed at the last Convention, to receive the annual con-	
tributions to the Convention and Bishop's fund, - -	\$95 00
Of A. C. Magruder, Esq., - - - - -	35 00
Wm. A. Spencer, Esq., for St. Paul's parish, Queen	
Anne's county, - - - - -	10 00
For Dividends and Interest, - - - - -	60 33
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Amounting to - - - - -	\$200 33
All of which he has deposited in the Savings Bank	
of Baltimore.	
To this amount add the sum reported at the last Con-	
vention, by the committee to ascertain the situa-	
tion of the funded stock, for the support of the	
Episcopate, &c. - - - - -	1202 42
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Making the present value of this fund to be - - -	\$1402 75

Respectfully submitted,
NOAH RIDGELY.

CHESTER-TOWN, *June 2nd*, 1831.

The following report of the committee on parochial contributions was accepted :

The committee appointed to receive the annual contributions to the Convention and Bishop's fund, beg leave to submit the following report to the Convention, viz :

NAMES OF PARISHES, &c.	Amount received.	
	Conven. Fund.	Bishop's Fund.
St. Ann's, Annapolis,	\$6 00	\$10 00
Christ Church, Calvert,	6 00	
St. Bartholomews, Montgomery	6 00	10 00
Zion Church, Frederick County,		10 00
Christ Church, St. John's Parish, Prince George's and Charles } Counties, for 1830 and 1831, }	12 00	
Prince George's Parish, Montgomery County,	6 00	10 00
St. John's Church, Washington City,	6 00	10 00
Christ Church, do. do.	6 00	10 00
Durham Parish, Charles County,	6 00	9 00
Christ Church, Georgetown, D. C.,	6 00	10 00
Queen Ann, Prince George's County,	6 00	10 00
Trinity Church, Prince George's County,	6 00	10 00
St. Paul's, Queen Ann's County,	3 00	6 00
St. Paul's, Baltimore City,	6 00	40 00
All Faith, St. Mary's County,	6 00	10 00
St. Stephen's Cecil County,	6 00	10 00
Shrewsbury, Kent County,	6 00	
Trinity Church, Baltimore,	5 00	
St. Margaret's, Anne Arundel, 1830 and 1831,	12 00	10 00
Trinity Parish, Charles County,	6 00	
William and Mary, St. Mary's County,	6 00	10 00
St. James' Parish, Anne Arundel County,	6 00	10 00
Miss Mercer's Seminary,		10 00
All Saint's Parish, Calvert County,	6 00	10 00
All Hallows, Worcester County,	4 41	
Worcester Parish, Worcester County,	6 00	
Chester Parish, Kent County,	6 00	10 00
Port Tobacco Parish, Charles County,	6 00	10 00
St. John's, Baltimore and Harford Counties,	3 00	5 00
Trinity Parish, Washington City,	6 00	10 00
St. Peter's, Montgomery,	6 00	10 00
Somerset Parish, Somerset County,	6 00	
Christ Church, Baltimore,	6 00	10 00
Great Choptank, Dorchester,	6 00	10 00
St. John's, Queen Caroline, Anne Arundel,	6 00	10 00
Christ Church, do. do.	6 00	
St. James' Parish, Baltimore County,	6 00	10 00
Coventry, Somerset County,	6 00	
St. Michael's, Talbot County,	6 00	10 00
Zion Church, Prince George's,	6 00	10 00
Havre de Grace Parish,	3 00	5 00
St. George's Parish, Harford County,	3 00	5 00
King and Queen Parish, St. Mary's,		10 00
All Hallows, Anne Arundel,		10 00
All Saint's, Frederick County,		6 00
St. Peter's, Baltimore,	6 00	10 00
St. Peter's, Talbot,	6 00	10 00
Spring Hill, Somerset,	6 00	10 00
	<u>\$255 41</u>	<u>\$586 00</u>

WILLIAM HAWLEY, *Chairman.*

Names of Parishes which have not Paid.

St. Luke's parish, Queen Anne's county.
 St. John's, Washington county.
 St. Paul's, Prince George's county.
 St. Mark's, Frederick county.
 St. Andrew's, St. Mary's county.
 St. Paul's, Kent county.
 St. Paul's, Washington county.
 Stepney parish, Somerset county.

The following resolution was offered by the Rev. Mr. Forman, and seconded:

Resolved, that the Delegates from this Diocese to the General Convention, stand instructed to propose at their next session, a revision of the Book of Homilies; and that an interdiction be passed against any future edition until a revision shall be made, according to the sense in which the church has expressed in her supplement of the 35th article.

The consideration of the above resolution was postponed to the 1st August next.

It was on motion, *Resolved*, that it be proposed to the vestries of the several parishes in this Diocese, to amend the 2nd article of the Constitution, by striking out the words "Academy or Seminary of Learning," wherever they may occur in the said article, and substitute the words *Classical School*.

The Committee to enquire into an alleged omission of a credit to Christ church Baltimore for the parochial fund, have examined into the Secretary's accounts, and are impressed with the belief that the surplus, as the accounts of the Secretary exhibits, fully explains the deficiency represented by the Lay Delegates, and offer the following resolution to be placed on the Journal of the Convention.

Resolved, that the sum of ten dollars, be applied to the credit of Christ church, Baltimore, which was paid by the Lay Delegate at the last Convention, but was omitted to be so placed: also, that the Treasurer of the Convention pay out of the Convention fund ten dollars to the Right Rev'd Bishop Stone.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

St. Paul's Parish, Baltimore.

Baptisms, Infants,	51
Marriages,	27
Funerals,	61
Confirmed,	68
Communicants added,	16
Removed and deceased,	16
Present number,	260

Two Missionary Societies have been formed, composed of the persons recently confirmed, and denominated "the first male;" and "the first female Missionary Association of St. Paul's parish, Baltimore." They have sent to the Executive Committee of the General Missionary Society \$200, to aid the Green Bay Mission.

In the Charity School of this parish, they are now able entirely to provide for, and to educate thirty orphan female children.

St. Peter's Church, Baltimore.

Through the continued favour of the Great Head of the church, this congregation continues in a flourishing condition. The stated services on the Lord's day, and on Wednesday and Friday evenings, have been well attended during the past year. The Sunday Schools and Bible Classes have continued to dispense the most valuable instruction to the youth and children connected with them, while the Charity and Adult Schools attached to the church have been equally useful to those of a different class.

The effort made by the congregation to erect a new and large brick Lecture Room, with accommodations for the Sunday schools in the lower story, has not diminished their usual liberality in supporting the religious charities of the day.

Within the last few months it has pleased God to "send down upon the minister and people, the healthful spirit of his grace," as a consequence of this, the pious people have been aroused to unusual zeal and diligence in their christian duties; and many who have been hitherto careless, have been awakened and incited to flee from the wrath to come. The "good seed" of the kingdom which has heretofore been sown, is now springing up in many hearts, and will yield fruit, we trust, unto holiness and eternal life.

As the first fruits of this revival of religion, thirty-one were added to the communion during the last month; some persons are daily inquiring, for the first time, "what they must do to be saved?" and others are brought to rejoice in the hope of the gospel. The Rector cannot be sufficiently thankful for the blessing with which the Lord has followed his poor and unworthy services, and relying upon the promises of him who is able and willing to save unto the uttermost, fervently prays that the good work of grace now in progress among the people of his charge, may be carried on with increasing power, till all of them are brought to exercise repentance towards God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and there shall be no room left for "error in religion, or viciousness of life."

Baptisms,		39
Communicants,	{ Added,	47
	{ Died and removed,	7
	{ Present number,	344
Marriages,		12
Funerals,		29
Confirmed,		57
J. P. K. HENSHAW, Rector.		

Christ's Church, Baltimore.

Number of Communicants reported at the last Con-		
vention,		98
Removed by death and otherwise,		9
Present Number of Communicants,		145
Baptisms,	{ Adults,	4
	{ Infants,	25
Marriages,		9
Funerals,		32

The Church edifice has been thoroughly repaired and much improved. A neat Vestry Room has been erected in the rear of the Pulpit, and a spacious and very convenient apartment has been fitted up in the basement story for the accommodation of the Sunday school and weekly lecture. There are in connexion with this school, *Teachers*, 28; *Scholars*, about 200.

Notwithstanding the intermission of services whilst the Church was repairing, and the subsequent interruption occasioned by the protracted indisposition of the Rector, he desires thankfully to record that the condition of the congregation, in regard to its best interests has been prosperous, and he hopes through the blessing of God, that its spiritual prosperity will "abound yet more and more."

J. JOHNS, Rector.

Parochial Report of Trinity Church, Baltimore.

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There are now two Sunday schools attached to the Church. The one conducted by the Ladies is very flourishing and constantly increasing. The Managers are indefatigable in their attention, and have reason to believe that their labours have been blessed.

A confirmation was held in the Church by Bishop Stone, the number confirmed 37, as has been already reported by the Bishop in his address to the Convention.

JOHN V. BARTOW, Rector.

St. James' Parish, Baltimore county.

Baptisms,	-	.	.	.	.	.	11
Communicants, about 23, added 1,	.	.	.	.	.	.	24
Marriages,	.	.	.	.	.	.	4

Since the last Convention a Sunday School has been established, in which a deep and lively interest is manifested by some of the ladies.

The congregations have considerably increased, and the general signs of improvement, induce the hope that the time may not be far distant when the Great Head of the church shall cause the righteousness of this part of his Zion "to go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth."

JOHN WILEY, Rector.

St. Thomas' Church, Baltimore county.

No perceptible change, either of improvement or decline, is to be reported of this church. The public services of the church are, in general, well attended, and the deportment of the congregation is attentive and apparently devout.

The subject of Missions has attracted more attention this year, than heretofore. No Misssionary society has been formed, but as a substitute for such a society, a Missionary Treasury has been established, which is always opened in the church to receive the contributions of the parishioners, Sabbath days.

This mode of raising funds in aid of the Missionary cause, though not in common use, is believed to have many advantages. Besides other collateral advantages, it gives an opportunity to all the members of the congregation, whether rich or poor, to give according to their ability, and is in effect, though not in form, constituting the whole congregation into a Missionary society.

CHARLES C. AUSTIN, Rector.

Christ Church, Elk-Ridge.

No material change has taken place in the apparent condition of this parish since the last report. Two of the communicants have been removed by death, and three have been added,—making the present number fifteen. There have been seven funerals, two marriages, and five baptisms.

THOMAS BILLOPP, Rector.

The Rector of St. John's Church, Washington City, reports as follows:—

Marriages,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16
Baptisms,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	43
Communicants,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	90
Funerals,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
Sunday scholars,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	100

The Rector has the satisfaction further to state, that a very considerable increased attention to the concerns of Religion, has recently been manifested in his congregation, so much so, that he has been induced to open the church for divine service on Wednesdays and Fridays, at 8 o'clock in the morning, on which occasions a considerable part of the congregation have attended.

The regular morning service of the church is performed, after which, a short exhortation is delivered, but all the services are so arranged as to limit the period of devotion to one hour.

By this arrangement, most of the families of the congregation have an opportunity of attending the worship of their Creator in his holy temple, at an early hour in the morning, and enter upon the active duties of life by 9 o'clock. These services have hitherto received the cordial approbation of most of the congregation, and it is hoped will, under the blessing of God, prove extensively beneficial to the spiritual welfare of the people.

The Sunday school is now rapidly increasing in numbers, and commands the services of some of the most pious and respectable members of the congregation, and promises to be productive of great good to the children who are there instructed, and trained up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

The recent very acceptable, and the Rector trusts, profitable visit of our worthy Bishop, has had the happy effect of enlivening the zeal, and animating the hopes of the friends of our Zion for her future prosperity.

WM. HAWLEY, Rector.

Trinity Church, Washington, D. C.

Baptisms,	{	Children,	22	.	.	.	.	28
		Adults,	6					
Funerals,	{	Children,	5	.	.	.	.	18
		Adults,	13					
Mariages,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
Sunday Scholars,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	100

Weekday scholars in the school of Industry, an institution supported by the parish, and subjected to the control of the Rector and vestry, 40

Communicants reported to the last Convention, 75. Since which time 5 have removed, and 30 have been added; present number, 100

During the last two months, there has been an evidently increased attention to religion, the fruits of which are the addition of the above mentioned communicants. Several individuals are now investigating the question, "what shall I do to be saved," and the spirit of prayer is wonderfully diffused through the families of our charge.

It gives me pleasure to state, that the late visitation of our Diocesan, and the exercises preparatory to the confirmation, arousing the attention of both minister and people, and affording due opportunity for frequent parochial duty, and conversation upon the subject of practical religion were the means, under God, of the happy changes in the Parish. I have reason to believe that the late Episcopal services have entirely convinced our people of the salutary influence of the ordinance of confirmation, and strengthened, not only their faith in the Saviour, but also their attachment to the institutions of that branch of Christ's kingdom, with which we are connected.

HENRY VAN DYKE JOHNS, Rector.

Christ Church, Washington Parish, Washington City.

The Rector of this parish has had it in charge only about nine months. On entering upon its duties, he has been truly gratified to find among the members of the communion generally, much of pure religious feelings, right views of religious doctrine, and the practical exemplification of a true religious faith. This is ascribed by him, under the blessing of God, to the zealous and faithful labours of his predecessor.

The members of families belonging to the congregation is observed by the last report to have been 80. To these, some additions have been made, but to what precise amount cannot now be distinctly stated. It is believed to have been at least ten.

It is with devout gratitude and praise to the Great Head of the church, that the Rector is able to report what he conceives to be a deep religious sensibility, pervading his flock, the fruits of which at a late sacramental occasion appeared in the addition of 19 to the number of his communicants, many of whom are of youthful age, and of all of whom the best hopes are entertained. Others too are roused to solemn consideration, and are beheld with much anxiety and best expectations with regard to the issue. The church is well attended, the weekly Lectures sustained, the Sunday schools, numbering that of white children about 150, and that of colored children, about 80 are in a flourishing condition.

A Bible Class has recently been established, and is a subject of good hope.

Our charitable institutions are rather languishing, but it is trusted that ere long a new impulse may be given to them. The visitation of our good Bishop, it is trusted, and believed has been attended with a blessing from on high.

Baptisms,	10
Funerals,	12
Communicants by last report, 91	
Added,	24—115
Died,	3
Removed,	2— 5 110
Marriages,	3
Confirmed,	39

The Rector of Christ's church, George Town, D. C., reports that since the last Convention, there have been in this church.

Baptisms,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20
Funerals,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
Marriages,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
Communicants,	{	Added,	.	.	.	.	.	.	19
		Died,	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
		Removed,	.	.	.	.	.	.	4

JOHN T. BROOKE, Rector.

Report of Rock Creek Church.

The Rector of Rock Creek Church, having so recently taken charge of the parish, and circumstances intervening to prevent, has been unable to obtain any definite information respecting the state of religion there. He has not learned the number of communicants attached to the church, but supposes it to be small. There has been one funeral. The friends of the church in the neighbourhood have exerted themselves in a very praise-worthy manner, and succeeded in repairing the old church, reducing its size in the interior by putting a ceiling below the gallery windows, a vestry or school room in the back part of the building, leaving a large and commodious room for the services of the church, and the accommodation of the inhabitants. A Sunday school, which had been discontinued for several years, was resumed on Sunday the 22nd of May, when 15 children attended; last Sunday the number was increased to 38.

The vestry are now engaged in repairing, and enlarging, the house attached to the glebe lands, for a parsonage. The church is well filled on the Lord's day, and an interest and attention manifested in the worship of the sanctuary, and we have reason to hope with the divine blessing, that good will be done there.

C. WILTBERGER, Rector.

May 28th, 1831.

St. Anne's Church, Annapolis.

Baptisms,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15
Marriages,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Communicants,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	75
Sunday School Scholars.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	109

J. G. BLANCHARD, Rector.

St. Margaret's, Westminster Parish, Anne Arundel County.

Communicants,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
Baptisms,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14
Funerals,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Marriages,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Sunday Scholars,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15

HENRY ASQUITH, Rector.

All Hallows. The Rector reports.

Baptisms, say	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	25
Marriages,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Funerals,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
The number of Communicants small.								

J. FORMAN, Rector.

All Saints Parish, Calvert County.

There has been no visible improvement, in the spiritual concerns of this Parish, since the last Convention. A few have been added to the Communion, and in the course of divine Providence, others have been removed by death. Some months since, a "Female Tract Society" was organized, which is now in a prosperous state, and hopes are entertained that the seeds of piety will be sown in some hearts, by the circulation of these little silent messengers of grace. The visit of our venerable Bishop, appears to have given general satisfaction, and we hope his labours were not in vain in the Lord.

Baptisms,	{	Children, White	5					
		Col'd	12	.	.	.	.	17
Marriages,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
Funerals,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
Confirmed by Bishop Stone,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11
Communicants, last reported,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	45
Communicants,	{	since added,	.	.	.	.	.	4
		died,	.	.	.	.	.	2
		present number,	.	.	.	.	.	47

WILLIAM F. CHESLEY, Rector.

St. James' Parish, West River, Anne Arundel County.

Since his last report, the Rector has had the satisfaction of witnessing some additional evidences of his usefulness in this Parish. At almost every sacramental season, the Lord has added some to the Church, "of such," we trust, "as shall be saved;" while the piety of others has evidently been augmented. A "Female Tract Society," has been formed, which promises to be useful, and there appears to be a general improvement in the spiritual state of the Parish. But while our gratitude to God has been thus excited, it is with unfeigned regret, that we have to advert to the loss which the Church has sustained, in the death of a most valuable member of her late Vestry. The recent visit of our highly esteemed Diocesan excited considerable interest, and his services were received with satisfaction and delight.

Baptisms,	{	Children, White	13					
		Col'd	10	.	.	.	.	23
Marriages,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
Funerals,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
Confirmed by Bishop Stone,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	22
Communicants, last reported,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	40
Communicants,	{	others not then registered, nor						
		reported,	.	.	.	.	.	10
		added this year,	.	.	.	.	.	12
		died,	.	.	.	.	.	1
		present number,	.	.	.	.	.	61

WILLIAM F. CHESLEY, Rector.

Miss Mercer's Seminary, West River.

At the solicitation of the esteemed lady, at the head of this valuable and flourishing institution, the undersigned has performed divine service at her Seminary, every alternate Sabbath afternoon for the last six or eight months. His congregation, composed in part of the young ladies of the school, is extremely interesting; and he records with adoring gratitude to God, the pleasing state of religious sensibility that exists at present among them. At the visits of the Rt. Rev. Bishop Stone, several were confirmed, and three admitted to the holy Communion, in St. James' Church. A Bible class, formed of the young ladies of the Seminary, has for some months been conducted by me, which, under God, has doubtless been of essential service.

Baptisms, 3
Confirmed by Bishop Stone, 8

WILLIAM F. CHESLEY, Chaplain.

Zion Church and Addison's Chapel, Prince George's County.

	<i>Zion Church.</i>	<i>Addison's Chapel.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Communicants,	25	23	48
Number added to the Communion,	6	7	13
Baptisms,	3	7	10
Marriages,	1	1	2
Funerals,	6	3	9

WM. A. SMALLWOOD, Rector.

Bladensburg, May 30, 1831.

Queen Anne's Parish, Prince George's county, Md.

The Rector reports, that his call to this Parish is of recent date, and he is consequently unable to present an exact statement of circumstances, as connected with his present charge. The parish is one of the largest in the diocese, embracing two respectable congregations. It is gratifying and very encouraging to see, that on the part of many, the interesting services of our sanctuary are suitably appreciated; and we have cause to believe their hearts have not remained untouched, under the faithful exhibition of divine truth; and it is our sincere prayer to God, that the impression which we hope has been made, in many instances, may be permanently established, and terminate in present comfort, and finally in the indescribable blessedness of the redeemed in heaven.

The number of Communicants has not as yet been fully ascertained, it is supposed to be about 50.

Baptisms, { Whites, 4
 { col'd, 20 24
Funerals, 2
Confirmed by Bishop Stone, 4

May, 30, 1831.

GEORGE L. MACHENHEIMER, Rector.

St. Paul's Church, Prince George's county. Rev'd John Grigg, Rector.

Since the last Convention a Bible Class of about twenty young persons has been established in this parish. The Bible, Prayer Book and Tract Society, which was organized here last year, has distributed several thousand tracts, about seventy-five prayer and hymn books, with other devotional works

calculated to inspire an attachment to the distinctive principles and duties of our church. Several persons have been lately added to the communion and an increased attention is perceived, especially among the young, to their everlasting interests beyond the grave. There have been during the last year,

Marriages,	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
Funerals,	.	.	.	.	.	.	8
Baptisms,	.	.	.	.	.	.	60
Communicants (added 9)	.	.	.	.	.	.	89
Persons confirmed,	.	.	.	.	.	.	44

Christ Church Parish, Calvert County.

Communicants,	.	.	.	.	.	.	40
Baptisms,	.	.	.	.	.	.	40
Marriages,	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
Funerals,	.	.	.	.	.	.	17

MERVIN ALLEN, Rector.

Christ Church (formerly Ackakeek,) St. John's Parish, Prince George and Charles County.

The Rector of this church desires to return his grateful acknowledgements to Almighty God, for that measure of success which has attended his labours during the past year. His congregation has evidently increased in number, zeal and piety.

Sects and parties are unknown among his people. Unanimity pervades the counsels of the vestry, and the united exertions of the "faithful few" are directed towards repairing the wastes of former years, and perpetuating the holy principles and institutions of the Catholic Church.

"We know not what a day may bring forth." But we do know that our present prospects are cheering, and for this we "thank God and take courage," being persuaded that "he who has begun a good work" will not leave it unfinished!

Previous to the 2nd June 1830, the number of Communicants was 36, of which 10 were coloured people.

The present number (white) is,	36		
Col'd,	10	.	46
Baptisms,—White children,	33		
Black children,	50		
Received after private baptism (white,)	4	.	87
Marriages, (white,)	8		
do. (col'd.)	4	.	12
Funerals,—(white,)	.	.	11
Confirmed by Bishop Stone, (white,)	.	.	25
Families attached to the Church, about	.	.	40

The visitation of our beloved Diocesan has not been in vain, and we rejoice exceedingly that our divine master has given us a Bishop so well calculated to command the esteem and elicit the support of true christian people.

MATTHIAS HARRIS.

*Journal of the Convention of Maryland, 1831.***Charles County, Durham Parish.**

Communicants: died 2, added 3,—present number,		64
Baptisms,—white,	18	
Black,	35	53
Marriages,		11
Funerals,—White,	19	
Black,	7	26

ROBERT PROUT, Rector.

Lemuel Wilmer, Rector of Port Tobacco Parish, Charles County.

Baptisms,		49
Persons confirmed by Bishop Stone,		36
Churches consecrated by Bishop Stone,		2
Communicants, 10 added,		110
Marriages,		15
Funerals,		7
Sunday Schools,		4

The Rector of St. John's Parish, Baltimore and Harford counties, respectfully reports, that notwithstanding many discouragements and much surrounding gloom, he has reason to believe that the gospel is making a silent and gradual progress in the parish. The churches are remarkably well attended. The appearance of the congregations during divine worship, is solemn and devout. The responses are audibly and distinctly made by many. And the respectful attention of all to the preaching of the word and administration of the sacraments, induces the hope that a deeper and more lively interest is taken in religion. Since the last Convention a young gentleman of much promise has commenced the preparatory studies for the ministry.—There have been 36 persons baptized, of which 14 were adults and 22 children. The present number of Communicants is 76, of whom 11 have been added during the last year. There have been 6 Marriages and 2 Funerals.

A Sunday School has been taught at a private house, which has been productive of much good.

JOHN R. KEECH, Rector.

St. George's and Havre-de Grace Parishes, Harford county.

Communicants,		42
Baptisms,		14
Marriages,		3
Deaths,		9

Exertions are at present being made, for the repair and completion of the parish churches, one of which is in an unfinished and the other in a delapidated state. These exertions (originated and sustained by the active zeal of the ladies of these parishes,) it is believed will be successful.

E. Y. HIGBEE, Rector.

All Saints, Frederick-Town.

No change of importance has taken place, in the condition of this Parish, since the last Convention.

Communicants, added 7, removals and deaths 8,	106
Marriages,	2
Baptisms,	8
Funerals,	6

A Bible Class is well attended; colored Communicants always meet the Rector, for religious exercises, on the week preceding the communion. The congregation has contributed liberally in the cause of various benevolent Societies, and the Female Episcopal Missionary Society is more prosperous than at any former period; and it is hoped that a corresponding zeal may be manifested in the Female Society, auxiliary to the Education Society of Virginia, to which institution two young men from this Parish have been added during the past year.

THOMAS JACKSON, Rector.

St. Peter's Church, Montgomery County, and Zion Church, Frederick County.

Baptisms,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	38
Deaths,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
Marriages,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6

Since the last report (made in 1829), the number of Communicants has been reduced by deaths and removals to 93; no particular change has taken place in the spiritual concerns of the Parishes; by the vestry of St. Peter's parish, considerable efforts are now making to erect a parsonage, and in which desirable object it is hoped they will succeed.

WILLIAM ARMSTRONG, Rector.

St. Paul's Parish, Sharpsburg, Washington County.

Communicants,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	25
Baptisms,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	30
Marriages,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
Funerals,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	24

Regular Catechetical and Sabbath school instructions, with Missionary and weekly prayer meetings, which have been held through the year.

The Church, which was reported at the Convention to be in the hands of the workmen for completion, is now ready for consecration.

In addition to the donations mentioned in the last report, the Rector acknowledges with gratitude the receipt of a donation of 247 dollars from the citizens of Baltimore, towards the completion of the above Church.

There is an increased attention to religion manifested by our congregations, and a reasonable hope may be entertained, from the appearances around us, that, the Lord in the outpourings of his spirit, will also visit this destitute portion of his Vineyard.

JOHN ALEX. ADAMS, Rector.

Great Choptank Parish, Dorchester County.

J. JUDD, Rector.

Baptisms,	{ Whites,	5	.	.	.	.	.	8
	{ Coloured,	3	.	.	.	.	.	3
Marriages,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Funerals,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Communicants - Added,	3	Removals,	2	Death,	1,			31

I have, in a former report, noted, that the congregation, in this Parish, is small. It consists of less than thirty families, and these are chiefly of the town of Cambridge, and its immediate vicinity. Since under my charge, it has experienced many severe losses, by deaths and removals; its situation now, however, is as promising as it has been for many years, and in some respects, more so. The Society for the distribution of religious Books and Tracts, instituted last year, has successfully pursued its object; and, I have reason to believe, not without some salutary effect. It has expended about \$30, and thus, by it, has been brought to the families of its members, as well as others, those means of interesting and useful instruction, which, in their almost insulated situation, they could not otherwise have so generally enjoyed.

The Sunday School has been, and still is, maintained with a very laudable spirit. The attention of both teachers and scholars, with the exception of a few Sundays during the severity of winter, has been almost unremitted. The average number of scholars is about twenty, and their progress is, in general, such as might reasonably be expected.

Spring Hill Parish, Somerset County.

The Rector of this Parish took charge of the same at the commencement of the year. As it had been vacant from the time of Bishop Stone's removal to Chester town, it has not yet been in his power to ascertain, with certainty, the number of families or communicants, but there have been added to the communion 8.

Sunday schools and Temperance Societies have been organized, and the prospect is encouraging.

S. WILMER, Rector.

King and Queen Parish, St. Mary's County.

This Parish had been vacant since the removal of the Rev. Mr. Mitchell to William and Mary, until November last, when the present Rector was elected to that office, and entered on the discharge of the duties thereof.

Baptisms,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	25
And 1 baptized child, received into the Church.									
Funerals,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	21
Marriages,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5

The communion has not been administered, as the Rector is only in Deacon's orders. Consequently, he does not know the number of communicants. It is, however, small.

There are in this parish, a Parish-Church and a Chapel. The Chapel is a wooden building, and in good condition. The Parish-Church is much out of repair. In the early part of the winter it could not be occupied with comfort and safety to health. But by the pious exertions of a few ladies, it has been made less uncomfortable.—Glass has been put in the windows—the doors repaired, and a suitable stand erected in place of the inconvenient pulpit, which was formerly used. Much, it is true, has not been done. But when we compare its present condition, with what it was six months ago, there is cause for thankfulness to the Great head of the Church, that He has put it into the hearts of a few of his people, to do *any thing* for the house of our God.

This Parish cannot be said to be in a flourishing state. The present incumbent has found many discouragements in the lukewarmness of the people committed to his charge. Nevertheless, he believes that his labours have not been entirely in vain. He has not seen, it is true, those striking sub-

missions to free grace, which sometimes cheer the heart of the Christian soldier, in his toilsome march through this world of sin. But he has reason to believe, that some who have not come out entirely from among the wicked, have been brought, by the divine blessing, to think more seriously of religion than formerly :—others, who are enrolled among the followers of Christ, have seen the necessity of a more entire surrender of themselves to the service of God, and have become better acquainted with the plan of salvation, through faith, in a crucified Saviour. The general appearance of the congregations is more attentive and devout, than it was a few months ago.

Something has been attempted for the spiritual benefit of the black population of the Parish, by giving them familiar instruction, after the white congregation has left the Church on Sundays. This plan has succeeded at the Chapel, beyond our most sanguine expectations. Large numbers attend, and receive instruction in the christian religion with thankfulness. We are greatly encouraged, in this department of our labours. Ten or twelve coloured persons will be ready for confirmation when the Bishop shall visit us, which, we hope, will be in the course of the summer.

A Sunday School has been recently established. The interest which the teachers seem to feel in the school, affords reason to believe that it will flourish.

JAMES A. McKENNEY, Rector.

All Hallows Parish, Worcester County.

Families, about,	44
Baptisms, { 5 Whites, including one adult.	
{ 2 Blacks,	7
Communicants, deceased 2—removed from the	
Parish, 2—present number,	65
Marriages, including one black couple,	3
Funerals, during the past year.	6
Bible Class,	20

A flourishing Union Sunday School, under the patronage of the Union Sunday School Society of Snow-Hill, having on its list at this time the names of ninety pupils; part of which may be considered as attached to the Episcopal church.

The Bible Class and Sunday School, are decidedly the most interesting objects of contemplation at this time, in the spiritual state of this church. Our young gentlemen and ladies, I am happy to say, manifest great zeal, and untiring fidelity, in their attendance upon them; and it is to be hoped that the spiritual benefit they receive will soon be manifest in their more entire and practical devotion to the service of Christ.

The Rector would also state, that in addition to his regular labours in the parish church, he has, for some years past, for the convenience of the people in their different neighbourhoods, preached afternoon discourses on the Lord's day, during the Spring, Summer and Fall, at St. John's Chapel, and at the Indian Town School house, within the bounds of the Parish. In general these services have been well attended; and the hope is earnestly cherished that they have not been without their moral and saving influences.

SAMUEL C. STRATTON, Rector.

Worcester Parish.	
Families, rising	40
Funerals,	4
Marriages the last year,	0
Baptisms, Whites, 10—Blacks, 2,	12
Communicants, deceased and removed 5,	47
Bible Class, attendance on which varies from 6 to	12

One Sunday School, the present state of which, as its exercises have been suspended for some time, until recently, is not known by your reporter.

This Parish has the happiness of having a Vestry, who evince exemplary diligence in managing the temporal affairs of the church. Their debt contracted by the building of a new brick church at Berlin, the dimensions of which are 30 feet by 45, has been for some time discharged; although the Vestry were compelled to depend for the means of doing it principally on subscriptions obtained among themselves. They are also but little in arrears to their present Rector.

He would be most happy to state, if he could conscientiously, that the spiritual state of this Parish was *highly prosperous*. But whilst there is so much indifference manifested in regard to personal and family religion, and a *uniform* attendance on the services of the sanctuary, he is constrained to say, that it is *far otherwise*. Professors of religion, are not as exemplary as he could wish; neither is there, in this, and in his other parish, that cordial devotion to the pure and distinctive principles of the church, which he would rejoice to see among its members. The hope is, however, cherished, that in these respects, time will effect a most desirable improvement.

S. C. STRATTON, Rector.

June 1, 1831.

St. Michael's Parish, Talbot County.

Baptisms,	7
Marriages,	1
Funerals,	1
Communicants,	12

J. SPENCER, Rector.

The Rector of Trinity Parish, having many pressing vocational engagements because of his so recent settlement, and the travelling arrangements being such, that attendance upon Convention would cost him near three weeks active parochial service, respectfully forwards the subsequent report. That he was elected into this Parish upon the 3d day of June, 1830: but, that, owing to occurrences beyond his control, was unable to remove his family hither until the latter end of August. Since when he has officiated regularly upon not only Sundays, but also other church days.

He has baptised in the Parish Church:

White infants,	16	
Colored infants,	19	35

In the Chapel:

White infants,	11	
Colored infants,	42	53

In William and Mary's Parish, Charles County:

1 white and 1 colored infant,	2
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90 whose ages and names of their parents have been registered.

He has married 9 white and 2 colored couple. Also in William and Mary's Parish, Charles Co. 1 white couple, 12

Upon the recent visit of our Bishop, 29 persons in the Parish Church, and 22 in the Chapel received the holy rite of confirmation.

He has administered the Holy Communion four times in each church and thrice in private to sick persons. He has not been able to ascertain the precise number of communicants in the Parish when he settled, but believes it to have been 80, of which three have deceased, three have removed from the Parish, and to which fifty-four have been added. He sets down 128 as the present *probable* number of communicants in the parish. Some days of each week though the solemn fast of lent were duly observed by many of his parishioners. Certain of them exercised abstinence through the whole term.

The Rector has found the visitation of the sick to be a laborious duty, owing to the extent of the Parish. But, from the good which has, in some cases, resulted from it, he accounts it a pleasant duty. The season of sickness presents an opportunity, (of which we should avail ourselves more frequently than we do.) to urge the imperative necessity of "repentance toward God, and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ." 'Tis upon the immediate approach of death, that the dissipated mind becomes collected, and the obdurate heart yields. 'Tis then that the pomp of the world no longer imposes, and hence, that *temporal things* dwindle in the estimate of their lover to their real nothingness, leaving an "aching void" in his heart which nought else than religion can supply. 'Tis then that the man of God, marching forth, may cast in the "good seed" that will grow up and become a tree which will bring forth fruit thirty, sixty, yea an hundred fold, and which, though, its roots spread on earth, shall rear its topmost branches into the heaven of heavens! 'Tis then that he may successfully apply the cup of religious consolation (too often spurned in the day of health and mirth,) to the parched lips of the sin-stricken worldling. The sinner seems indeed to be more or less than man who can count the approaching paces of death, without feeling one emotion of solicitude, without breathing one anxious wish to be prepared. The condition of that man is far from being enviable, who, tho' unclothed with the panoply of Christ's righteousness, yet without fear, sees the sword of divine justice "whet and furbished." Most men wish, at that time to be saved, and, when in the retrospect they find nothing but the commingling floods of guilt and wrath rolling on, and in the perspective see nothing else than the lonely path leading them to the dread tribunal, they exclaim "help Lord, else we perish." Then they will accept the terms of reconciliation which Christ hath empowered his ambassadors to tender. Even the established in piety when entering, or when they suppose themselves to be entering "the dark valley," seek and need ministerial assistance. Obstacles hitherto insurmountable have prevented our opening Sunday School in the churches. It is proposed to establish a Parish Temperance Society, which will tend, in some measure, to arrest Intemperance, that gigantic vice which sweeps over our beloved country, like the deadly Sirocco of the desert, prostrating youth and beauty, genius and age, morality and piety.

The Rector is happy to notice among his spiritual cure an increased attention to the means of grace, attachment to the distinctive principles and ceremonies of the church, and a spirit of sober, unobtrusive piety, free from that transient glow of enthusiasm, with which so many are now animated.

He would now offer unfeigned thanksgiving to his Heavenly Father, for any good which has been done for immortal souls in the name of the Holy Child Jesus, through the instrumentality of his unworthy servant.

Parsonage, Trinity Parish, Charles County.

FRANCIS H. L. LAIRD.

The Rector of St. Paul's Parish, Queen Anne's County, begs leave to report, that during the year commencing on the 10th May, 1830, and ending 10th May, 1831, there have been 6 Baptisms, and no Marriages, number of Communicants is believed to be 10.

In taking a view of his labours for the past year, he cannot but think, that the blessing of God has been shed upon them. It is evident that there exists an increased interest, respecting the public services of the church, and at one of the houses of worship in the parish, more particularly, there is always assembled a respectable, and often a large congregation. This great duty so clearly due both to God and to society, was illustrated and enforced at an enrly period of his course, and it seems to have had the desired effect. In regard to other branches of his duties, he states, that his catechetical instructions have been commenced, and he has now a growing class, which it will be his delight to bring up in the principles of genuine piety, and sound religious knowledge. His efforts to establish a Sunday School, have hitherto proved unavailing. Situated as the churches are in the country, it is no easy matter to impress people with its importance so far as to induce them to send their children, and he has but two little boys whom he can properly style Sunday Scholars. His exertions, though, in this particular, in consequence of its great importance, shall not cease. A scheme has lately been set on foot for the erection of a new house of worship in Centreville, the County Town, and if it can be accomplished, it will no doubt, materially benefit the Parish. Besides affording greater conveniences for many of the members, it will bring the beautiful services of the church more into public view, a thing which is peculiarly desirable. This design has delayed the formation of a Tract Society, which, in the event of its succeeding, will be instantly proposed.

R. W. GOLDSBOROUGH, Rector.

Somerset Parish, Somerset County. G. McElhiney, Rector.

Baptisms,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15
Marriages,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Funerals,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8
Communicants,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	63

During the last year 5 Communicants have been removed by death, and during the same period 7 new members have been added to the communion. The last parochial report, which was founded partly on conjecture, erroneously stated the number of communicants to be 70.

Coventry Parish, Somerset County. G. McElhiney, Rector.

Baptisms,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
Communicants about,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	40

All Faith Parish, St. Mary's County.

Communicants in 1830,	33,	added 34,	.	.	67
Deaths,	.	.	.	.	7
Marriages,	.	.	.	.	9
Baptisms,	.	.	.	.	33

During the past year, two Temperance Societies have been formed in this Parish, which have near seventy members.

NORRIS M. JONES, Rector.

The Committee appointed to enquire into, and report to this Convention, some plan, by which the Domestic Missionary Society may be so enlarged, as to meet all the exigencies of the Church; report, that there is not sufficient time during the present session, to accomplish this desirable object, and ask leave to postpone their report until the next Convention, which was granted.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be presented to the Rt. Rev. Bishop Stone, for the very faithful manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of this body.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention, be presented to the Secretary, for the faithful discharge of his duty.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention, be presented to the inhabitants of Chestertown, and its vicinity, for the polite hospitality and attention, received at their hands, by the members of this Convention.

Resolved, That the next Annual Convention be held in the city of Baltimore.

Resolved, That the sum of fifty dollars be paid to the Secretary, for his services during the present session.

Resolved, That the sum of ten dollars be paid to the Sexton of Chester Church, for his services on the present occasion.

No farther business being brought before the Convention, the session was closed, with prayer and benediction, by the Rt. Rev. Bishop of the Diocese, when the house adjourned, *sine die*.

WILLIAM M. STONE, *President*.

RICHARD M. HALL, *Secretary*.

LIST OF THE CLERGY .

OF THE

DIOCESE OF MARYLAND,

JUNE, 1831.

The Clergymen to whose names an asterisk () is affixed, did not attend the meeting of the Convention.*

Rt. Rev. WILLIAM M. STONE, Bishop of the Diocese.

Rev. *Charles C. Austin*, Rector of St. Thomas' Parish, Baltimore county.

“ *William Armstrong*, Rector of St. Peter's church, Montgomery county.

" Mervin Allen, Rector of Christ church, Calvert county.

“ Henry Aisquith, Rector of St. Margaret’s church, Westminster parish, Anne Arundel county.

" *Grandison Aisquith,** " residing in Baltimore.

" Walter D. Addison,* " George Town, D. C.

**" John Alexander Adams, Rector of St. Paul's parish, Wash-
ington city.**

" John V. Bartow, Rector of Trinity church, Baltimore.

“ Thomas Bayne, Rector of St. Peter’s church, Talbot county.

" John G. Blanchard, Rector of St. Anne's church, Anne Arundel county.

“ Thomas Billopp, Rector of Christ church, Queen Caroline parish, Anne Arundel county.

" John T. Brooke, Rector of Christ church, Georgetown, D. C.

" Wm. F. Chesley, Rector of } All Saints church, Calvert county
St. James', Anne Arundel do.

" John Claxton, residing in Baltimore.

" William Duke,* " Elkton, Cecil county.

“ *Henry L. Davis,** “ at Poplar Springs, Anne Arundel
county.

" R. B. Drane,* Rector of St. John's church, Washington county.

" *John Forman*, Rector of All Hallows, Anne Arundel county.

“ *Levin I. Gillis*, Rector of } Prince George’s and St. Bartholo-
mews, Montgomery county.

- Rev. Robert W. Goldsborough**, Rector of St. Paul's Queen Anne county.
- " **John Grigg**, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Prince George's county.
- " **J. P. K. Henshaw, D. D.**, Rector of St. Peter's church, Baltimore.
- " **William Hawley**, Rector of St. John's, Washington, D. C.
- " **Matthias Harris,*** Rector of St. John's parish, Prince George's county.
- " **Hector Humphreys**, Principal of St. John's College, Annapolis.
- " **Frederick W. Hatch**, Rector of Christ church, Washington city, D. C.
- " **Edward Y. Higbee**, Rector of Havre de Grace parish, Harford county.
- " **Jonathan Judd**, Rector of Great Choptank, Dorchester county.
- " **John Johns**, Rector of Christ Church, Baltimore.
- " **Henry Vandyke Johns**, Rector of Trinity Church, Washington, D. C.
- " **Leonard H. Johns,*** Rector of Emmanuel parish, Alleghany county.
- " **Thomas Jackson**, Rector of All Saints parish, Fredericktown.
- " **Norris M. Jones**, Rector of All Faith parish, St. Mary's county.
- " **Clement F. Jones**, Rector of St. Andrew's parish, St. Mary's county.
- " **John R. Keech**, Rector of St. John's, Baltimore and Harford counties.
- " **Frances H. L. Laird,*** Rector of Trinity parish, Charles county.
- " **George McElhiney**, Rector of Somerset, Somerset county.
- " **R. H. B. Mitchell,*** Rector of William and Mary parish, St. Mary's county.
- " **G. L. Mackenheimer**, Rector of Queen Anne parish, Prince George's county.
- " **Andrew T. McCormick,*** Washington City, D. C.
- " **James A. McKenney,*** Rector of King and Queen parish, Chaptico, St Mary's county.
- " **Robert Prout**, Rector of Durham parish, Charles county.
- " **Jared Rice,*** Rector of St. Mark's, Frederick county.
- " **Thomas Reid.***
- " **William H. Rees.***
- " **Purnell F. Smith,*** residing in Georgetown, Kent county.

- Rev. Samuel C. Stratton**, Rector of All Hallows and Worcester, Worcester county.
- “ **Neale H. Shaw**,* English and Mathematical teacher, Charlotte Hall, St. Mary's county.
- “ **William A. Smallwood**,* Rector of Zion church and Addison chapel, Prince George's county.
- “ **Joseph Spencer**, Rector of St. Michael's, Talbot county.
- “ **John Swan**, Rector of Trinity church, Upper Marlborough.
- “ **Charles S. Williams, D. D.**,* Principal of Baltimore College, and Rector of St. John's Church, Anne Arundel county.
- “ **William E. Wyatt, D. D.**, Rector of St. Paul's parish, Baltimore.
- “ **Lemuel Wilmer**, Rector of Port Tobacco parish, Charles county.
- “ **Simon Wilmer**, Rector of Spring Hill parish, Somerset county.
- “ **John Wiley**, Rector of St. James', Baltimore county.
- “ **Christian Wiltberger**, Rector of Rock Creek church, D. C.
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LIST OF THE LAY DELEGATES,

Who attended the Convention, and of the Parishes which they represented, as reported by the Committee of Elections.

- Mr. Samuel I. Donaldson**, St Paul's parish, Baltimore.
- “ **Noah Ridgely**, St. Peter's church, Baltimore.
- “ **James Howard**, Christ church, Baltimore.
- “ **Nathaniel Knight**, Trinity church, Baltimore.
- “ **James C. Gittings**, St. James' parish, Baltimore county.
- “ **Charles W. Howard**, St. John's parish, Baltimore and Harford counties.
- “ **Richard N. Allen, M. D.**, St. John's parish, Harford county.
- “ **John W. Stump**, Havre de Grace parish, Harford county.
- “ **Walter T. Hall**, St. George's parish, Harford county.
- “ **Alexander C. Magruder**, St. Anne's parish, Anne Arundel county.
- “ **John Thomas**, St. James' parish, Anne Arundel county.
- “ **Jacob Hollingsworth**, St. John's, Queen Caroline parish, Anne Arundel county.
- “ **Frederick Rawlings**, St. Margaret's, Westminster parish, Anne Arundel county.

Mr. Samuel Brown, Jr. Christ Church, Queen Caroline parish, A. Arundel county.

- " **Arthur Shaff**, Christ Church, Washington city, D. C.
- " **Thomas Arbuckle**, St. John's church, Washington city, D. C.
- " **Edward Ingle**, Trinity parish, Washington city, D. C.
- " **Alexander Kilgour**, Prince George's parish, Montgomery county.
- " **Thomas W. Johnson**, All Saints' parish, Frederick county.
- " **William Murdoch**, Zion parish, Frederick county.
- " **Thomas H. Marshall**, St. John's, Prince George's county.
- " **Vernon H. Dorsey**, Trinity church, Upper Marlborough.
- " **Joseph I. Jones**, Zion church, Prince George's county.
- " **Nathaniel Duke**, Christ church parish, Calvert county.
- " **George D. Parnham**, Trinity parish, Charles county.
- " **John T. Hawkins**, All Faith, St. Mary's county.
- " **Richard Thomas**, William and Mary parish, St. Mary's county.
- " **Thomas W. Veazey**, St. Stephen's parish, Cecil county.
- " **Ezekiel F. Chambers**, Chester parish, Kent county.
- " **John G. Black**, Shrewsbury parish, do do.
- " **John Goldsborough**, St. Peter's parish, Talbot county.
- " **William A. Spencer**, St. Paul's parish, Queen Anne county.
- " **Spencer P. Judd**, Great Choptank parish, Dorchester county.
- " **Edwin Forman**, Worcester parish, Worcester county.
- " **William W. Johnston**, Somerset parish, Somerset county.
- " **John G. Chapman**, Port Tobacco parish, Charles county.
- " **James Thomas**, Chaptico, St. Mary's county.

<i>Number of Clergy in the Diocese,</i>	-	-	-	-	58
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<i>Number of Clergy attending the Convention,</i>	-	-			40
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<i>Number of Lay Delegates,</i>	-	-	-	-	37
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<i>Total</i>					77
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The next annual Convention will be held in the City of Baltimore, to commence on the last Wednesday in May, 1832.

JOURNAL
OF A
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OF THE
PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH
OF
MARYLAND;
HELD
IN ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, BALTIMORE,
WEDNESDAY, MAY 30th; THURSDAY, MAY 31st; AND FRIDAY,
JUNE 1st,
1832.

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Clergy added to the Diocese since the last Convention: namely—

Rev. Chauncey Colton,
Henry B. Goodwin,
Fitch W. Taylor.

The Lay Delegates, whose names follow, presented their testimonials, and subscribed the declaration required by the second article of the Constitution:—

Mr. A. C. Magruder,
Samuel I. Donaldson,
Noah Ridgely,
James Howard,
James Thomas,
William A. Spencer,
Horatio C. Scott,
Benjamin I. Dashiell,
George D. Parnham,
William W. Johnston,
H. G. S. Key,
Nathan Dickerson,
Nathaniel Knight,

Mr. Samuel R. Gaither,
William James,
Thomas W. Veazy,
Benjamin Lowndes,
Edwin Forman,
Josias Hawkins,
Thomas H. Marshall,
Washington Berry,
William J. Ross,
John Montgomery,
Richard Thomas,
John Slade,
Benjamin Mullikin.—26.

A constitutional quorum of both Orders being present, the President announced that the Convention was duly organized, and ready to proceed to business.

A motion was then made for adjournment, which motion prevailed, and the Convention adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, *May 31st.*

The Convention met, pursuant to adjournment.

Divine Service was conducted by the Rev. Clement F. Jones; a Sermon appropriate to the day (Ascension Day), was preached by the Rev. Mr. Smallwood.

The following named Clergymen, not present yesterday, appeared and took their seats:—Rev. Thomas Bayne, Rev. Edward Y. Higbee, Rev. Leonard H. Johns, Rev. Francis H. L. Laird, Rev. William H. Rees, Rev. Jared Rice, Rev. Dr. Spencer, Rev. Dr. Charles Williams, Rev. Fitch W. Taylor.

The Lay Delegates here named presented their testimonials, and subscribed the required declaration:—Mr. Samuel Brown, Jr., Mr. Thomas T. Wheeler, Mr. Richard B. Walker, Mr. Wm. Garrott, Mr. Robert Banning, Mr. Isaac Winchester, Mr. Thomas H. Wil-

kinson, Mr. John Thomas, Mr. Arthur Shaaf, Mr. Howes Goldsborough, Mr. Jonathan Prout, Mr. John B. Eccleston, Mr. John G. Chapman, Mr. Charles W. Goldsborough.

Mr. Richard M. Hall was re-elected Secretary.

On motion, *Resolved*, That Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, now in this city, who are not members of this Convention, be invited to attend its sittings.

The Rev. William Armstrong, Rev. Mervin Allen, Rev. Clement F. Jones, Rev. John Claxton, Rev. Chauncey Colton,—took seats agreeably to the above invitation.

The following Committees were appointed by the President:

On the rights of Clergymen to seats in this Convention:

Rev. Mr. Blanchard, Rev. Mr. Gilliss, Rev. Mr. Drane.

On Elections of Lay Delegates:

A. C. Magruder, Esq., Noah Ridgely, Esq., Wm. A. Spencer, Esq.

On Parochial Contributions:

Rev. Mr. Hawley, Genl. Thomas, John Thomas, Esq.

On Accounts:

Rev. Lemuel Wilmer, Edwin Forman, Esq., Benjamin Mullikin, Esq.

RULES OF ORDER.

1st. The business of every day shall be introduced with prayer.

2d. This Convention shall sit for the despatch of business, from nine o'clock, A. M., until three o'clock, P. M.

3d. Every member shall take his seat when the President takes the chair, and remain uncovered until the Convention adjourn.

4th. At the opening of each session of the Convention, as soon as the President takes the chair, the names of the clergy, who were entitled to seats at the preceding Convention, shall be called over by the Secretary of the last Convention: or, in case of his absence, by a Secretary pro tem., to be appointed by the President. The Lay Delegates shall lay their certificates of appointment on the table of the Secretary, and subscribe the declaration required by the Constitution. If a constitutional quorum be found present, the President shall thereupon declare the fact, and announce that the convention is organized, and ready for business. A Secretary shall be elected. The following committees shall then be appointed by the chair: One of Elections, to consist of three; (to whom the testimonials of the Lay Delegates shall be referred); one on Accounts, to consist of three; one on Parochial contributions, to consist of three; and one on the rights of Clergymen to seats in the Convention, to consist of three clergymen.

5th. If the Bishop of the Diocese shall not be present at any meeting of the Convention, at the opening of the same, the names of the clergy who were entitled to seats at the preceding Convention, shall be called over by the Secretary of the last Convention; or, in case of his absence, by the first named member of the Standing Committee who may be present.

The Lay Delegates shall lay their certificates of appointment on the table, and subscribe the declaration required by the Constitution. If a constitutional quorum be present, a President pro tempore shall be elected agreeably to the seventh article of the Constitution. A Secretary shall be elected: and then the chair shall appoint the several committees mentioned in the fourth Rule of Order.

6th. The standing committee of the preceding year, shall be the committee on the state of the Church; and all parochial reports shall be referred to the said committee.

7th. Every member who shall deliver his opinion, or speak in any debate, shall stand up in his place; and with respect and decency, address himself to the President.

8th. If two or more members shall rise to speak at the same time, the President shall declare which shall speak first.

9th. No member shall speak more than twice in any debate, except with leave; nor shall any member be interrupted while he is speaking in order. And if any member shall rise to speak more than twice on the same question, without leave, the President shall call him to order.

10th. Any member called to order by the President, or by a member, shall thereupon take his seat.

11th. When the Convention is sitting, no member shall speak to another, so as to interrupt any member who may be speaking in a debate.

12th. No motion shall be debated, until the same be seconded; and, if desired by the President, reduced to writing, and read by the Secretary.

13th. When a motion is made and seconded, the matter of the motion shall receive a determination by the question, unless postponed by a motion for postponement, or by the previous question, before any other motion shall be received.

14th. If a question in debate contain more parts than one, any member may have the same divided into as many questions as there are parts.

15th. All questions of order shall be decided by the President. Upon all questions of order there shall be a right of appeal from the decision of the presiding officer, to the Convention.

16th. No member shall absent himself from the service of the Convention, unless he may have leave, or be unable to attend.

17th. A question being once determined, shall stand as the judgment of the Convention; and shall not be again drawn into debate during the same session, except with the consent of two-thirds of the Convention.

18th. The foregoing rules of order shall be deemed and considered the rules of order of all future Conventions, until altered or rescinded; and the same shall be published in the Journal of each Convention.

A petition was presented by S. I. Donaldson, Esq., for the admission of Trinity Church, Cecil County, to the rights and privileges of membership in the Church of this diocese. A Committee was appointed to consider on this petition, consisting of the Rev. Mr. McKenny, S. I. Donaldson, Esq., and Judge Eccleston.

In conformity to the forty-fifth canon of the General Convention, the Bishop delivered the following address:—

Rev. Brethren,

and Brethren of the Laity:

The duty belonging under the canons to this period of our business, leads me to remark, that since your last annual meeting, I have received, through an afflictive dispensation of Providence, a renewed admonition of the vanity of human expectations and purposes.

When we parted at Chester-town, it was with an humble hope cherished on my part, that the succeeding year would be marked with much usefulness to the Church in this Diocese; and thus to the cause of our divine Redeemer. To seek, among the parishes, that which was lost; and bring again that which, through the ensnarements abroad in the Christian world, was driven away; to bind up that which was broken, and strengthen that which was sick; to gather the lambs of Christ's fold within the sacred enclosure which the Apostolic rite of confirmation affords; to send new labourers into the gospel vineyard; and to confer the full commission of the Priesthood upon those young gentlemen in the Diocese, who "having used the office of a deacon well," by their eminent fidelity and piety, have purchased to themselves a title to "a good degree;"—these, Brethren, are among the features of that scene to which I then looked forward with an equal sense of pleasure and duty.

But the wisdom of the great and always gracious Disposer, has called me to the exercise of submission, instead of permitting me to enjoy the consciousness of activity in your service. Faith's sternest conflict sometimes is, in consenting cheerfully to withhold our own agency, and to learn that the Author of Faith can, if he pleases, act without us. Days of languishing, and wearisome nights have been

appointed unto me, and I have now but a brief catalogue of performances in the Episcopal office to report, as a means of future encouragement and direction.

I have allowed myself thus far to occupy your time with the expression of my own feelings and interests, only to invoke the forbearance and patient consideration of those parishes or individuals who have suffered loss through my Providential infirmities.

The Episcopal visitations that I have been permitted to make, are as follows :

On Saturday, the 10th of July, 1831, I preached in William and Mary parish, and consecrated to the service of Almighty God a new Church by the name of Trinity. On the same occasion, I confirmed twenty-eight white and one colored person.

On Sunday, the 17th, I preached at Poplar Hill Church, in the same parish, and confirmed eleven white persons.

On Monday, the 18th, I preached in St. Andrew's parish, St. Mary's County, and confirmed twenty-three white and thirty-six colored persons.

On Tuesday, the 19th, I preached in King and Queen parish, Chaptico, and confirmed eleven white and eleven colored persons : and admitted the Rev. James A. McKinney to the sacred order of Priesthood. The Rev. Messrs. Mitchell, N. M. Jones, C. F. Jones and Laird, united in laying on of hands.

On Wednesday, 20th, in the same parish, I preached in All Saints Church, and confirmed fourteen white and sixteen colored persons.

On Saturday, 23d, I preached in St. Bartholomew's parish, Montgomery County, and confirmed twenty-three white persons.

On Sunday, 24th, I preached in the Church in Rockville, and confirmed thirteen white and one colored person. Also at night I preached in the same Church, and administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

On Monday, 25th, I preached in St. Peter's Church, Montgomery County, and confirmed twenty-three white persons.

On Tuesday, 26th, I preached and confirmed thirteen white and one colored person, in Zion's Church, Frederick County.

On the evening of 26th, I preached in Frederick-town, All Saints parish. On the next day (27th), I again preached in the same Church, and confirmed nineteen white and five colored persons.

On Thursday, 28th, I preached in St. Mark's parish, Maryland Tract, and consecrated a new Church by the name of St. Marks.

On Friday, 29th, I preached at Sharpsburgh, St. Paul's parish, Washington County, and consecrated a well finished Church by the name of St. Paul's. I also confirmed thirteen white and four colored persons.

On Sunday, 31st, I preached in Hagers-town, and confirmed seven white persons. At night, I again preached in the same church.

On Tuesday, 2d August, I preached in Hancock, and confirmed seven white persons.

On Thursday, 4th, I preached in Cumberland, Alleghany County.

On Sunday, 11th of September, I preached in Princess Anne, Somerset parish, Somerset County.

On Wednesday, 5th October, in Great Choptank parish, Dorchester County, I admitted to the order of Deacons, John M. Robertson, an alumnus of the General Theological Seminary. The Rev. Mr. McElhiney preached the ordination sermon.

On Friday, 28th, and Saturday, 29th October, I preached in St. Peter's parish, Talbot County; the former day at White Marsh Church, and the latter day in St. Paul's, Easton.

On Sunday, the 30th, I preached in St. Michael's Church, St. Michael's parish, Talbot County; and admitted to the holy order of Priests, the Rev. Robert W. Goldsborough. The Rev. Dr. Spencer and Rev. Mr. Bayne united in the imposition of hands. At the same time were confirmed thirteen white persons.

On Monday, 31st, I preached at Miles River Ferry, in St. Michael's parish, and confirmed nine white persons.

On Tuesday, 1st November, I preached in Wye Church, St. Paul's parish, Queen Anne County.

On Wednesday, 2d, I preached in the Church near Centreville, and confirmed seven white persons.

On Sunday, 22d, I attended at Rehoboth Church, Coventry parish, Somerset County; but did not preach in consequence of the inclemency of the day.

On Monday, 23d, I preached at Dividing Creek Church, in the same parish; and confirmed three white persons.

Here ends my Episcopal visitations for the last Conventional year. It was my intention to have visited all the Churches in the Diocese before the present Convention, but have been Providentially prevented by my last protracted illness. Should the Almighty, in his wisdom, see fit to restore me to health, the few remaining days of my life shall be devoted to the important duties of this Diocese.

Clerical changes:—The Rev. Mr. Stratton has removed to the Diocese of Connecticut; Rev. Mr. Grigg to the Diocese of New York; the Rev. C. F. Jones to the Eastern Diocese; Rev. John M. Robertson, immediately after his ordination, to the Diocese of Connecticut; Rev. Mr. Johns, from the City of Washington, D. C., to the Diocese of New York; Rev. Fitch W. Taylor, Deacon, from the Diocese of Virginia, has taken charge of William and Mary parish, Charles County; Rev. Henry B. Goodwin, from the Eastern Diocese, has the charge of St. Paul's parish, Prince George's

County. During the last autumn, Rev. Mr. Bradley removed into Maryland from the Diocese of Connecticut, and accepted an appointment to act as domestic Missionary in the suburbs of Baltimore; but his health and other circumstances induced him very soon after this commencement of his duty, to return to Connecticut. Rev. Mr. KcKenney, Rector of King and Queen parish, had taken charge of St. Stephen's, Cecil County. Rev. John Forman, Rector of All Hallows, Anne Arundel County, had removed to Worcester County.

Deaths.—Rev. Mr. Shaw, an aged Minister of our Church, who resided near Charlotte Hall; and Rev. Grandison Aisquith, of the city of Baltimore, have been called away to give an account of their stewardship.

Within a few days of the expiration of the six months allowed to Dr. Clowes by the canons to abandon his contumacy in resisting the discipline of the Church, he wrote to me demanding a trial. The season then approaching would have rendered it difficult for him, and in some degree for the Standing Committee, to assemble at Chestertown; and the twenty-second day of March was therefore appointed for the trial. On that day the Standing Committee met. Dr. Clowes appearing neither in person nor by council, on that nor the succeeding day; his continued contumacy, aggravated by a new expression of contempt for public opinion and ecclesiastical authority, warranting the most painful convictions of his unworthiness; I was constrained to pronounce the sentence of his degradation from the ministry on the twenty-seventh day of April, eighteen hundred and thirty-two.

I will detain you, Brethren, by adding to this report but a few observations. Every year that is taken from our life, every Providential dispensation which causes us to feel its vanity and instability, all that we observe of the experience of our fellow men, has a tendency to exalt still more and more our sense of the value of the Gospel, of dependence upon its principles and consolations, and of the duty of unwearied efforts to extend an efficient knowledge of it. Let it be, my Reverend Brethren, one of the means by which you inflame your zeal in the cause of our Master, to look upon those whom he has committed to your care, and consider what would be their condition without Christ. Observe how helpless they are in their infirmities, how weak in their resistance of temptation, how sad in their afflictions, how agitated and alarmed in the approach of death. And when you consider that the gospel which we preach, comprehends pardon, peace of conscience, cleansing from the defilement of sin, victory over temptation, a resigned spirit in adversity, firmness and dignity in every condition, and hope-rejoicing-triumph,—in that awful hour which, without the light of revelation, must be one of indescribable consternation and dismay, you will

feel the force of the obligation to be diligent, that when the Master cometh he may find you watching.

It cannot be that that gracious Being, who, entering with the utmost minuteness into arrangements for our bodily comfort, has created the earth a vast laboratory for the production of means and instruments of our safety and support, has been less solicitous concerning his schemes for our spiritual welfare. It would be utterly inconsistent with that analogy which, in other respects, we find existing between the natural and moral world, had he contented himself with a *mere message* announcing his merciful intentions. Fruitless would have been the news that his Son had died to save those who would listen to overtures of mercy, and acquire a perfection of holiness, if, while it was hostile to their deepest, mightiest passions, no other means were furnished for the attainment of that holiness, than a naked declaration of Grace in the universal Sovereign. This would be sanctioning the error of his fallen creatures, who, while they are prodigal of care for the perishing body, leave the safety of the soul to be secured by vague intentions and careless measures. But wisdom and efficiency characterise all the arrangements of the Almighty. And in instituting his Church, he has concentrated there all the means of renewing, sanctifying, reconciling, glorifying our nature. To his Church pertain the adoption, and the covenant, and the promises. Not a promise can be found under the gospel,—through Christ—but to the Church. And in the Word, the Ordinances and the Ministry, we find evidences of His concern for our spiritual welfare, corresponding with the benevolence which our bodily constitution manifests for our present enjoyment. Since then the Church is the production of Divine wisdom, for the accomplishment of the purposes of Divine love, let us gratefully esteem, and faithfully sustain, and zealously defend, and conscientiously and uniformly obey it. But still forget not that *it is but a means*. Forget not that holiness is the end; conformity to Christ the temper; practical piety the business; the gospel, not the world, the standard, of those who derive any thing but increased accountability from their connexion with it.

I cannot conclude this address without fervently praying the Great Author of our holy religion, that HE will be pleased to illuminate, guide and bless you in all your consultations to the advancement of his own glory, and the peace, happiness, and prosperity, of His Church.

The Parochial reports were presented, and read by the Secretary.

The Treasurer's account with the Convention was presented, read and referred to the Committee on Accounts; also, his report in reference to the fund for the support of the Episcopate:—

The Treasurer of the Convention who has charge of the fund for the support of the Episcopate, takes leave to report,—That since the meeting of the last Convention, the three certificates of United States exchanged 4½ per cent Stock held by the Convention, has been paid off; and that he has invested five hundred dollars in a certificate of trust of the Baltimore Life Insurance Company, bearing an interest of five per cent. per annum, payable yearly.

The following is the present situation of said fund:

Deposited in the Savings Bank of Baltimore (fifteen dollars of which was received of A. C. Magruder, Esq., as a donation, at the last Convention), - - -	\$443 58
Certificates of seven full shares of the Stock of the Union Bank of Maryland, amounting to	525 00
One certificate of trust of the Baltimore Life Insurance Company, for - - - - -	500 00
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Making the present value of this fund to be -	\$1468 58
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Exclusive of the interest on the stock of the Union Bank of Maryland, and certificate of trust of the Baltimore Life Insurance Company, payable in July.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

NOAH RIDGELY.

BALTIMORE, *May 30th*, 1832.

The above report was accepted.

The Committee on the rights of Clergymen to seats in this Convention, reported in favour of the following named Clergymen:—

Rev. Charles C. Austin,
Henry Aisquith,
Walter D. Addison,
John Alexander Adams,
John V. Bartow,
Thomas Bayne,
John G. Blanchard,
Thomas Billopp,
John T. Brooke,
William F. Chesley,
John Forman,
William Duke,

Rev. Leonard H. Johns,
Thomas Jackson,
Norris M. Jones,
Clement F. Jones,
John R. Keech,
Francis H. L. Laird,
George McElhiney,
R. H. B. Mitchell,
George L. Mackenheimer,
James A. M. McKenney,
Robert Prout,
Jared Rice,

Rev. R. B. Drane,
Levin J. Gilliss,
Henry B. Goodwin,
R. W. Goldsborough,
J. P. K. Henshaw, D. D.
Hector Humphreys,
William Hawley,
Matthias Harris,
Frederick W. Hatch,
Edward Y. Higbee,
Jonathan Judd,
John Johns,

Rev. Thomas Reid,
Wm. H. Rees,
Joseph Spencer, D. D.
William A. Smallwood,
John Swan,
Fitch W. Taylor,
William E. Wyatt, D. D.
Charles S. Williams, D. D.
John Wiley,
Lemuel Wilmer,
Simon Wilmer,
Christian Wiltberger.—48.

It was then moved and seconded—that, whereas the Rev. Clement F. Jones, in the course of the last year, took letters dimissory from the Bishop of this to the Bishop of the Eastern Diocese, which were received by the latter; and although the said Rev. gentleman has since returned to the Diocese, and has taken charge of a parish therein, yet six months have not elapsed since his return.

Wherefore, *Resolved*, That the Rev. Clement F. Jones, for the want of six months canonical residence, as required by the late amendment of the Constitution, is not now entitled to a seat in this Convention.

This resolution was passed, and the report of the Committee accepted, with the exception above stated.

The Committee appointed at the last Convention to ascertain “the practicability and expediency of publishing the Journal of the Convention of this Diocese, from the period of its organization to the present time,” presented their report, which was read and withdrawn, for the purpose of substituting the following resolution, which, being read, was ordered to lie upon the table.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of publishing a compilation of the Constitution and canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States, and of the State of Maryland, and the laws of Maryland relating to this Church; together with such parts of the Journal of the Convention of this Diocese, from the period of the organization of the Church to this time, and other documents considered to be important, as may appear proper, and to report thereon to the next Convention.

The Committee on Elections of Lay Delegates reported in favour of the gentlemen whose names appear on the 4th and 5th pages.

The following was submitted by A. C. Magruder, Esq.—

Whereas, it was proposed by the last Convention of this Church, to the several parishes, to add to the 9th article of the Constitution: “and if a vacancy shall occur by death, removal, resignation, or otherwise, the remaining members, or a majority of them, shall be authorized to fill such vacancy; always supplying the vacancy by one of the order of Priests:”

Whereupon, *Resolved*, That the said proposal be, and the same is hereby approved of, and the words aforesaid made a part of the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Maryland, to be added to the 9th article thereof, as proposed.

The above preamble and resolution were passed; the votes on the same being taken by each order separately.

The proceedings of the Standing Committee for the past year, were read and approved.

The sum of ten dollars was ordered to be paid out of the funds in the hands of the Treasurer, to the order of Dr. Wyatt, for expenses incurred by the Standing Committee, in notifying the Rev. Timothy Clowes of the time and place appointed for his trial.

It was, on motion, *Resolved*, That the next Annual Convention be held in the City of Baltimore.

Mr. Noah Ridgely was re-elected Treasurer of the Convention.

An election was made for Delegates to represent this Diocese in the next General Convention; the following named gentlemen were declared to be duly elected:—

Clergy.

Rev. W. E. Wyatt, D. D.
Joseph Spencer, D. D.
George McElhiney,
John G. Blanchard.

Laity.

A. C. Magruder, Esq.
Col. Thomas W. Veazey,
Robert H. Goldsborough, Esq.
Samuel I. Donaldson, Esq.

Resolved, That the Delegates elected to the General Convention, be authorised to fill any vacancies which from any cause may occur in the Delegation.

The Committee on Accounts reported that they had examined the account presented by the Treasurer, as follows:—

The Committee on Accounts, report, that they have examined

the accounts and statements of the Treasurer of the Convention, and find that he has received since the last Convention the sum of

8255 41

That he has presented vouchers, which entitle him to a credit of - - - - - 249 85

That there was a balance due him at the last Convention of - - - - - 1 56

251 41

Leaving a balance due the Convention of - - - \$4 00

LEML. WILMER, *Chairman.*

The above report was accepted.

The Convention went into an election for a Standing Committee for the ensuing year :—

The Rev. Dr. Wyatt,	}	<i>For the Western Shore.</i>
John G. Blanchard,		
John Johns,		
J. P. K. Henshaw, D. D.		

The Rev. Jonathan Judd,	}	<i>For the Eastern Shore.</i>
Joseph Spencer, D. D.		
George McElhiney,		

Were duly elected.

Adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, *June 1st.*

The Convention met, according to adjournment.

After the usual service of prayer, the House proceeded to business.

The roll was called, and the minutes of the former proceedings were read and approved.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Trinity Church, Elkton, Cecil County, made the following report :—

The Committee appointed on the petition of James Sewell, and others, of Cecil County, beg leave to report,—that it appears to be expedient to authorize the petitioners to form themselves into a separate congregation within the bounds of St Mary Ann's parish, in said County, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the leave of the Convention be given to the Rev. Wm. Duke, Rev. Wm. Henry Rees, James Sewell, Henry Hol-

lingsworth, and others, to form a separate congregation in Elkton, Cecil County; and that when the said congregation shall be incorporated under the existing Law of 1802, it shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of other congregations or parishes in the Diocese. The above resolution was agreed to by the Convention.

The Standing Committee, acting as a Committee on the state of the Church, made the following report, which was accepted:—

By a rule of the Convention, it is made the duty of the Standing Committee, to prepare a report on the state of the Church within our ecclesiastical bounds. In compliance with this requisition, they beg leave to present the following:—

The parochial reports afford evidence of the gradual increase of practical piety in those parishes which are blessed with the services of Clergymen. The number of communicants is regularly, though not rapidly, augmenting. The visitation of the bishop, in many of our parishes, was productive of very happy results. The decided attachment of our people to the Apostolic constitution of the ministry, has been strikingly manifested by the cordiality and respect with which they received and welcomed the individual who bears its highest commission, and his conciliatory manners and evangelical preaching secured universal esteem and affection. He was every where hailed as a messenger from the Lord of Hosts; and the holy rite, by which the young are confirmed in the possession of godliness, was received with devout solemnity by many willing disciples. It seems only necessary to exhibit the claims of our Church in the clear light of truth, to ensure her extension and prosperity. She wants only able and faithful advocates. Being built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, and having Jesus Christ himself for her chief corner stone, she rears her head unhurt amidst the storms of heresy and schism, which are now desolating the Christian world. The late severe and protracted illness of the Right Reverend head of our Diocese, was deeply lamented by every individual under his pastoral superintendence; and the Committee feel assured, that the members of this Convention join with unanimous consent in gratitude to the Almighty Disposer of events, for the preservation of their esteemed and venerated Diocesan. That the happy presage of his present convalescence may be speedily followed by entire restoration to health and vigour, is the sincere and earnest prayer of your Committee. In conformity with a resolution of the last Convention, the Standing Committee appointed a number of Agents in different parts of the Diocese, to obtain subscriptions for a permanent Episcopal fund. As these gentlemen have not yet made a report of their proceedings, the degree of success which has attended their exertions, is not cer-

tainly known; but there is reason to believe, that the amount subscribed is altogether inadequate to the accomplishment of the end contemplated by the Convention. The Committee beg leave to recommend the subject to the farther consideration of this body; and they would suggest the expediency of immediately employing a single agent to visit all the parishes and congregations in the Diocese, with a view of ascertaining what can be done for this highly important object. The missionary society of our Diocese has hitherto been utterly inefficient. It has indeed only a nominal existence; and there is just ground, from past experience, to apprehend that it will never be greatly instrumental in promoting the cause of the Church in Maryland. To what defect in its organization this perpetual failure is to be attributed, it would, perhaps, be unprofitable to enquire; the fact is sufficiently apparent, and your Committee are unable to suggest any remedy likely to prove effectual. That something ought to be done to supply the vacant and decaying parishes with faithful labourers, is unquestionable; and it is hoped that the wisdom of the Convention will devise measures for the attainment of this most desirable consummation.

The Convention made an appointment of Trustees to the General Theological Seminary, as follows :

Clergy.

Rev. Dr. Wyatt,
John Johns,
J. P. K. Henshaw, D. D.
J. V. Bartow,
Joseph Spencer, D. D.

Laity.

Hon. Judge Brice,
Judge Eccleston,
Francis S. Key, Esq.,
J. C. Herbert, Esq.; and if
a tenth should be required, the
Hon. E. F. Chambers.

The resolution passed yesterday in relation to publishing the journals, &c., was taken up; and the following resolution, submitted by Mr. Key, adopted:—

Resolved, That the Rev. Mr. Blanchard, A. C. Magruder, Esq., and S. I. Donaldson, Esq., be a committee to arrange for publication the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and the Laws of the State relating to the Church, with such parts of the Journal of the Convention of the Diocese from the period of its organization to this time, as the committee may deem expedient, incorporating therewith any important documents relative to said Church; and when the said Committee has ascertained the size of the said work and the expense of publication, that the said Committee cause to be issued proposals for publishing the same, and proceed to publish, if sufficient subscription be obtained to defray the expense of its publication.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Convention forward to the vestries in this Diocese, a statement shewing any balance due the Convention from them respectively, which balance may have accrued within the last three years, with a request that they will confer with the parishioners on the necessity of such aid as they can furnish towards the funds of the Convention.

In compliance with the above requisition, the Secretary submits to the vestries of the parishes named below, a statement of the balances due from them respectively.

There appears to be due to the . . .				Conven- tion Fund	Bishop's Fund for 1832.
From St. Luke's, Queen Anne County, for 1831 and 1832,				\$12	\$10
"	St. Paul's, Prince George's do.	"	"	12	20
"	St. Andrew's, St. Mary's do.	"	"	12	
"	Stepney, Somerset do.	"	"	12	10
"	St. John's, Washington do.	for 1831,		6	
"	St. Mark's Frederick do.	"		6	
"	St. Paul's, Kent do.	"		6	
"	St. Paul's, Washington do.	"		6	
"	All Faith, St. Mary's do.	for 1832;		6	10
"	Shrewsbury, Kent do.	"		6	10
"	All Hallows, Worcester do.	"		6	10
"	St. John's, Balt. & Harford do.	"		6	10
"	Great Choptank, Dorchester do.	"		6	10
"	All Hallows, do. do.	"		6	10
"	All Saints, Frederick do.	"		6	30
"	St. Peter's, Talbot do.	"		6	30
Total amount due from delinquent parishes,				\$120	\$160

The attention of the vestries is called to the order of the Convention, "requesting that they will confer with the parishioners on the necessity of such aid as they can furnish towards the funds of the Convention." Any payment in discharge of these claims, they will please remit to Noah Ridgely, Esq., Treasurer of the Convention, Baltimore.

The Convention appointed the Rev. Mr. Claxton, its agent, to solicit contributions to the permanent fund for the support of the Episcopate; and authorized the Treasurer of the Convention to defray the travelling expenses of Mr. Claxton out of the funds collected by him, and deposited in the hands of the Treasurer.

Report of Committee to receive Parochial contributions.

The Committee appointed to receive the annual contributions, beg leave to state, that they have received an account of the Bishop's fund, the sum of seven hundred and fifty-six dollars and fifty cents; and on account of the Convention fund, the sum of two hundred and twenty-two dollars and twenty-five cents,—as appears by the detailed statement which follows, namely:—

NAMES OF PARISHES.	Conven- tion Fund.	Bishop's Fund.
St. Paul's parish, Baltimore City,	✓ 6 00	100 00 ✓
St. Peter's Church, Baltimore City,	6 00	80 00
Christ Church, Baltimore City,	6 00	60 00
St. Ann's parish, Annapolis,	6 00	20 00
St. Paul's parish, Queen Anne's County,	6 00	20 00
Coventry parish, Somerset County,	6 00	10 00
Somerset parish, Somerset County,	6 00	10 00
Worcester parish, Worcester County,	6 00	
St. Andrew's parish, St. Mary's County,		10 00
St. Michael's parish, Talbot County,	6 00	20 00
Christ Church, Washington City,	6 00	10 00
Addison's Chapel, Prince George's County,		10 00
Zion Church, Prince George's County,	6 00	10 00
Trinity Church, Upper Marlboro', P. George's County,	6 00	10 00
Trinity Church, Washington City,	6 00	30 00
St. Mark's, Frederick County,	6 00	10 00
St. Stephen's Church, Cecil County,	6 00	15 00
All Saint's Church, Calvert County,	6 00	15 00
Spring Hill parish, Somerset County,	6 00	10 00
Rock Creek Church, District of Columbia,		10 00
St. Peter's Church, Montgomery County,	6 00	10 00
Zion parish, Frederick County,	1 75	10 00
Havre-de-Grace and Specutie parish, Harford County,	6 00	10 00
St. John's Church, Washington City,	6 00	10 00
St. James' parish, Baltimore County,	6 00	10 00
St. Paul's parish, Washington County,	6 00	10 00
Durham parish, Charles County,	6 00	6 00
Trinity Church, Charles County,		10 00
William & Mary parish, St. Mary's County,	6 00	10 00
St. Bartholemew's parish, Montgomery County,	6 00	10 00
Prince George's parish, Montgomery County,	6 00	10 00
William & Mary, Charles County,	6 00	10 00
St. James parish, Anne Arundel County,	6 00	20 00
Christ Church, Georgetown, District of Columbia,	6 00	80 00
Port Tobacco parish, Charles County,	6 00	
Christ Church, Queen Caroline parish, Anne Arundel Co.	6 00	10 00
King & Queen parish, St. Mary's County,		10 00
Chester parish, Kent County,	6 00	20 00
Christ Church, Kent Island, Queen Anne's County,	2 50	8 50
St. John's parish, Hagerstown, Washington County,	6 00	20 00
Queen Anne's parish, Prince George's County,	6 00	10 00
Trinity Church, Baltimore City,	6 00	20 00
St. Margaret's parish, Anne Arundel County,	6 00	20 00
St. John's Church, Anne Arundel County,	6 00	10 00
	<u>\$222 25</u>	<u>\$756 50</u>

WM. HAWLEY, Chairman.

Parishes delinquent.~~All Faith, St. Mary's County~~

Shrewsbury, Kent County.

~~All Hallows, Worcester County~~~~St. John's, Baltimore and Harford County~~~~Great Choptank, Dorchester County.~~~~All Hallows, do. do.~~~~All Saints, Frederick County~~~~St. Peter's, Talbot County~~

St. Luke's, Queen Anne County.

~~St. Paul's, Prince George's County.~~

Stepney Parish, Somerset County.

The Committee appointed at the last Convention, to devise some plan, by which the Domestic Missionary Society may be so enlarged as to meet all the exigences of the church, made the following report, which was agreed to,—namely :

The Committee appointed at the last Convention, to devise some plan for establishing and sustaining Diocesan missions, having considered the subject as one of paramount importance to the interests of the church in Maryland, and being satisfied from experiments already made of the inefficiency of any society or board of missions subject to the control of this Convention, do recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That it is expedient to establish a Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Maryland, which shall be under the control of those who are contributors to its funds. And the committee do further recommend that the following constitution be adopted for the government of the proposed society.

ARTICLE I. The objects of this society shall be to employ and support missionaries in such parts of the Diocese as may be destitute of a regular ministry, and to aid feeble and decayed parishes in the support of their pastors.

ART. II. This society shall be composed of all such persons as shall contribute by subscription one dollar or more, annually to the funds of the society, and of such as shall contribute at once *twenty dollars*; which last contribution shall constitute them members for life. Those who pay fifty dollars at any one time, or in three annual instalments, shall be denominated *patrons* of the society.

ART. III. The society shall meet annually at the place in which the Diocesan convention shall hold its session, at 5 o'clock, P. M. of the first day of the session. A report of the proceedings of the board of managers shall be read, which shall afterwards be

submitted to the convention; a sermon preached, and a collection taken up in aid of the funds, at such time and place as may be determined by the board of directors.

ART. IV. The bishop of the Diocese shall be *ex-officio* president of the society. There shall be two vice presidents, twelve managers, a recording secretary, a corresponding secretary, and a treasurer, to be chosen by the members of the society, voting by ballot at each annual meeting, who, together with the bishop and patrons, shall compose a body, to be called "the Board of directors of the Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Maryland." This Board shall meet semi-annually in the City of Baltimore, and five members shall constitute a quorum.

ART. V. Immediately after the annual meeting of the society, the board of directors shall meet and elect an executive committee consisting of three clergymen and three laymen, who may meet according to their own rules, carry into effect the resolutions of the board of directors, elect missionaries and appoint them their stations; and in general devise and carry into effect all such measures, as may in their judgment, promote the great objects of the society: and shall make report of their proceedings at each semi-annual meeting of the board of directors. The bishop shall be *ex-officio* chairman of the board of directors and the executive Committee, and no missionary shall be appointed except by his nomination, approved by a majority of the executive Committee; unless during a vacancy in the Episcopal office, when the nomination shall be made by an unanimous vote of the executive Committee. In his absence, either of the vice presidents may preside. The executive committee shall have power to fill any vacancies that may occur in their own body.

ART. 6. The treasurer shall receive all money which shall be paid to the society, and present his accounts annually, or oftener if required, to the board of directors or executive Committee. He shall not pay any money except by order of the board of directors or of the executive Committee, signed by the president, or in his absence, by the vice president who may attend the meeting when such order is given.

ART. VII. The present convention shall elect by ballot the officers and managers as required by the 4th article, to continue in office till the first annual meeting of the society.

ART. 8. All alterations or amendments to this Constitution shall be by the vote of two-thirds of the society present at an annual meeting, subject to the confirmation or rejection of the Convention of the Diocese.

*Officers and Managers of the Missionary Society.***OFFICERS.****The Bishop of the Diocese, *Ex-Officio President.*****Dr. Wyatt, *1st Vice President.*****Dr. Henshaw, *2d do.*****Peter Hoffman, *Treasurer.*****Franklin Anderson, *Corresponding Sec'ry.*****Robert Neilson, *Recording Sec'ry.*****MANAGERS.**

Rev. John Johns,
 Mr. Blanchard,
 William Hawley,
 Mr. McElhiney,
 Mr. Brooke,
 Mr. Goldsborough.

Mr. A. C. Magruder,
 Jas. Howard,
 S. J. Donaldson,
 R. B. Magruder,
 J. B. Eccleston,
 H. G. S. Key.

At the first meeting of the above Board, held the same day, the following gentlemen were elected :—

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Dr. Wyatt,
 Henshaw,
 Mr. Johns,

Mr. S. J. Donaldson,
 Franklin Anderson,
 A. C. Magruder.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.**St. Paul's Parish, Baltimore.**

Baptisms,	53
Marriages,	22
Burials,	51
Communicants,	280

W. E. WYATT, Rector.

St. Peter's Church, Baltimore.

The Rector of St. Peter's Church, Baltimore, reports that since the last Convention, the interior of the church edifice has been thoroughly repaired and materially improved, both as to convenience and beauty—a handsome brick building, stuccoed, has been erected, 55 feet by 35, which has been used, since January last, as a Lecture Room, and furnishes admirable accommodations for a large Sunday School in the basement story:—a neat Vestry room has also been constructed, which forms a connecting link between the Church and Lecture room. The Sunday, Adult and Charity schools, are still in a flourishing state—the public and social means of grace are well attended—and the subscriber still indulges the delightful hope that his labours are attended with the Divine blessing, and productive of spiritual benefit to the people of his charge. The following is an abstract from the Register :

Baptisms,	{ Adults,	9
	{ Children,	44—53.
Communicants,	{ Added,	57
	{ Died, removed & withdrawn,	22
	{ Present number,	379
Marriages,		19
Funerals,		30

J. P. K. HENSHAW, Rector.

Christ's Church, Baltimore.

The Rector of Christ's Church, Baltimore, reports:—

Communicants,	154
Baptisms,	9
Marriages,	11
Funerals,	32
Scholars in the { Boys,	85
Sunday Schools, { Girls,	114

J. JOHNS, Rector.

Trinity Church, Baltimore.

Baptisms,	{ Children,	64
	{ Adult,	1
Marriages,		35
Funerals,		56

Communicants about the same.

The Church has undergone considerable repairs during the present season.

J. V. BARTOW, Rector.

St. John's Church, Anne Arundel County.

Communicants, present number,		10
During the {	" Died,	1
	" Added,	3
last year, {	"	
	"	
Baptisms,	{ Adult,	1
	{ Infants,	8

C. WILLIAMS, D. D., Rector.

Christ Church, Elkridge.

Death and removals have reduced the number of communicants in this parish to *eleven*. There have been nine funerals, fifteen baptisms, and three marriages.

THOS. BILLOPP, Rector.

St. James' Parish, Baltimore county.

The Sunday school, which was given up during the inclemency of the winter, has been reorganized this spring; and it is with gratitude, that he can say, with regard to his parish, that the anticipations of improvement, expressed in his last report, have been somewhat realized.

Baptisms,	{ White,	.	.	.	.	23	} 29.
	{ Black,	.	.	.	.	6	
Communicants,	{ Added,	.	.	.	.	15	
	{ Died,	.	.	.	.	4	
	{ Removed,	.	.	.	.	1	
Present number,	.	.	.	.	.	33	
Marriage,	.	.	.	.	.	1	
Funerals,	.	.	.	.	.	6	

JOHN WILEY, Rector.

The Rector of St. John's church, Washington City, Reports, that the condition of his congregation is much the same as was reported last year.

The morning services at 8 o'clock on Wednesday and Friday mornings were well attended until the autumn of last year, when they were suspended for the winter, but have again been resumed this spring. With the blessing of God, the Rector cherishes the hope that these religious exercises, at so early an hour in the morning, in the Lord's house, will be productive of lasting benefit to the good people of his charge, and encourage them to press on with more diligence for the prize of their high calling in Christ Jesus.

In the beginning of the winter it pleased God to visit the Rector with serious and long protracted sickness, and for more than three months to disqualify him from the discharge of his parochial and ministerial duties—but in his great goodness, he has answered the prayers of his people in his behalf, and again restored him in some good degree to his former health—and he now, with thankfulness, enters again upon the important and responsible duties of his charge, relying upon the promises of the great Shepherd and Bishop of souls to bless his labours in bringing many sons and daughters to the knowledge of the truth, to the everlasting salvation of their souls.

Communicants,	.	.	.	.	.	91
Marriages,	.	.	.	.	.	9
Baptisms,	.	.	.	.	.	31

Wm. HAWLEY, Rector.

Trinity Church, Washington, D. C.

The Rector entered upon his duties in Trinity Church on Easter Sunday, and derives the first four items of the following parochial statistics, from the record of his predecessor, the Rev. H. V. D. Johns.

Communicants,	115
Baptisms,	30
Number of families,	90
Scholars of the charity school of the parish,	40
Sunday scholars,	180

Marriages and funerals not known.

The state of the parish as left by the faithful and successful ministry of the Rev. Mr. Johns, is in a high degree interesting, and the present indications of divine favour very animating.

CHAUNCEY COLTON, Rector.

Washington, D. C. May 29, 1832.

Washington Parish, Washington City, D. C.

The Rector trusts he may report to this Convention the increasing prosperity of his charge. During the past year a few souls have been added to the church, and as is confidently hoped, spiritually, to its great Head.

Communicants added during the last year,	34
Died and removed,	8
Present number, { White,	116
{ Coloured,	12
Baptisms,	20
Funerals,	24
Marriages,	7
Sunday school scholars, about	150

F. W. HATCH, Rector.

Rock Creek Parish, D. C.

The Rector of Rock Creek Parish has cause for gratitude to God, on account of the success which has attended his feeble exertions to enlarge the borders of Zion in this region.

A Bible class and Sunday school were in successful operation previous to the inclement months, they have not yet, owing to local circumstances, regained their former condition.

A weekly prayer meeting, carried from house to house, has not been discontinued during the most inclement weather, and the Rector's heart has been encouraged, and his hands strengthened, by observing the desire among his people for social prayer, some of them walking two and three miles.

The observance of the monthly concert for prayer, has been commenced, at which season collections are made in aid of the Missionary cause.

Exertions for the promotion of Temperance were commenced in December last, and a constitution presented, requiring total abstinence from the use of ardent spirit, which has been signed by nine males and ten females.

The parish is small, consisting of but about seventeen families attached to the church; but an entire change is observable in the morals of the community generally; some from among the young, and the old, have been constrained to make the solemn, but interesting inquiry, "what must we do to

be saved." We bless God for what has been accomplished; and while we trace His hand in it all, the language of our hearts is, "by the grace of God we are what we are."

Soon after last Convention, it was ascertained there were attached to the Church,

Communicants,	24
Added the past year,	16
Removed and died,	5
Present number,	35
Marriages,	3
Funerals,	21
Baptisms, { Adults,	4
{ Children,	12

C. WILTBERGER, Rector.

St. Margaret's, Westminster Parish.

Communicants,	9
Baptisms,	10
Funerals,	3
Marriages,	2

Our Sunday School has been discontinued, as we have been deprived of the assistance of every teacher, by their removal.

Two families attached to the church have left the parish, which has lessened the congregation at the lower church. But we have cause to be thankful that at the upper church there appears to be a slow but sure work going on. The responses are more generally made, and the congregation is increasing.

HENRY AISQUITH, Rector.

All Saints Parish, Calvert county.

In the spiritual concerns of this parish, the Rector is unable to report any favourable change. The church is, however, generally well attended, and the gospel heard, usually, with attention and apparent interest; and although during the year several most estimable members of the Communion have been removed by death to their final rest, and none have been added, yet the Rector is highly encouraged in the belief, that his labours have not been in vain, and that, "in due season" we "shall reap if we faint not."

Baptisms,	15
Marriages,	3
Funerals,	10
Communicants,	45

WILLIAM F. CHESLEY, Rector.

St. James' Parish, West River, Anne Arundel county.

The Rector reports this parish as still highly prosperous. The congregation, generally large, has been more than usually so the present season—the services of the church are engaged in by the congregation, generally, with apparent fervour and devotion, and the gospel has had a most happy influence upon the hearts of many. Death, which spares no age nor condition,

has, however, come up amongst us and carried off, among others, the esteemed relict of a former Rector of the parish, and an aged and respectable Vestryman of the church, whose early life was devoted to the service of his country, as an officer of the Revolutionary war.

Baptisms,	{ Adults,	.	.	.	.	.	3
	{ Children,	.	.	.	.	.	19—22
Marriages,	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
Funerals,	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Communicants,	{	Last reported,					61
		Added,					16
		Died,					2
		Removed,					4
		Present number,					71

WILLIAM F. CHESLEY, Rector.

Miss Mercer's Seminary, West River.

The undersigned, as chaplain to this highly interesting institution, has nothing of special importance at present to report. Divine service is performed every alternate Sabbath afternoon to the apparent satisfaction and edification of his youthful charge; and the services, connected with a Bible class composed exclusively of the young ladies of the Seminary, are calculated to impart a degree of religious instruction and acquaintance with the holy Scriptures that may prove of immense importance to them in after life.

WILLIAM F. CHESLEY, Chaplain.

All Saint's, Frederick county.

Baptisms,	{ Adults,	.	.	.	.	.	3
	{ Infants, (white)	.	.	.	.	.	19
	{ " (col'd.)	.	.	.	.	.	3—25
Marriages,	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
Funerals,	.	.	.	.	.	.	18
Communicants,	{	Removed,					6
		Died,					2
		Added,					22
		Present number, (white)					86
		" (col'd.)					34—120

THOMAS JACKSON, Rector.

St. Mark's Parish, Frederick county.

The Rector of this parish reports that, owing to the unhealthiness of the parsonage, he felt himself bound to resign the charge of it about a year since. During last summer the parishioners exerted themselves with commendable zeal to improve the parsonage, and having succeeded beyond expectation, the vestry invited him again to resume the charge of the parish;—

which he did on the first of January last. Since the first of January th
have been,

Baptisms,	5
Marriages,	3
Funerals,	11
Additions to the Communicants,	7
Communicants removed,	1
Whole amount of Communicants 60 and upwards.	

J. RICE, Recto

The Rector of Christ's Church, St. John's Parish, Prince George's
Charles county, reports:—

Number of Communicants reported last year 46, of which 10 w
black. Added since—whites 9, blacks 7—died, 2 whites—1 black lost thro
intemperance. Present number—

Whites,	.	.	.	.	.	.	43
Blacks,	.	.	.	.	.	.	16—59
Baptisms,	{	Whites,	.	.	.	.	33
		Blacks,	.	.	.	.	67
		Received after private baptism,	.	.	.	.	2—102
Funerals,	{	Whites,	.	.	.	.	17
		Blacks,	.	.	.	.	4—21
Marriages,	{	Whites,	.	.	.	.	8
		Blacks,	.	.	.	.	1—9

M. HARRIS, Recto

Piscataway P. G. county, Md.

Queen Ann Parish, Prince George's, Maryland.

The Rector reports, that he officiates in his two churches alternately e
ry Sunday, and also once a month at the Alms House, which is located in
parish, though no important change has taken place since the last Con
tion—yet he has cause to be thankful for that attention to the service
the church which characterises his congregations. The clerical du
performed during the past year are as follows:—

Baptisms,	{ Whites,	17
	{ Coloured,	55—72
Marriages,	{ Whites,	5
	{ Coloured,	2—7
Funerals, whites,		22
Communicants,	{ Died,	6
	{ Added,	4
	{ Present number,	60
Parish Library, volumes,		60
Alms House.		
Funerals,		4
Communicants,		1

GEO. L. MACKENHEIMER, Rector

May 29, 1832.

Zion Church and Addison's Chapel, Prince George's County.

	Zion Church.	Addison's Chapel.	Total.
Communicants at last report,	25	23	48
Since deceased,	1	1	2
Removed,	1	1	2
Withdrawn,	0	1	1
Added,	5	7	12
Present number,	28	27	55
Baptisms,	2	17	19
Marriages,	0	5	5
Funerals,	1	8	9

The undersigned has three places for public worship on the Lord's day, under his charge. The Church and Chapel are occupied alternately on the morning, and every afternoon divine service is performed in the village of Bladensburg. At all of these places, the congregations are increasing, much attention is paid to the publication of the saving truths of the gospel; and there are evidences that the labor of setting them forth has not been in vain. Indeed there has been no period during the past year when we were without occasion for encouragement, gratitude, and joy; and although the expectations which were indulged have not thus far been fully answered, yet they have not been entirely frustrated; nor has the state of things, which gave rise to them, been removed. It is, with gratitude, acknowledged that the prospect is still most pleasing and hopeful.

WM. A. SMALLWOOD, Rector.

Bladensburg, May 28th, 1832.

Trinity Church, Upper Marlborough, Prince George's County.

The Rector of this Church reports, that a year has elapsed since he entered upon his charge. Of the number of communicants, no record had been left by the former Rector. They were ascertained, however, to be at the commencement of the year,

	43 white.	7 colored.	Total, 50
Since removed by } death or otherwise, }	6	1	7
Since added,	10	1	11
Present number,	47	7	54
Baptisms,	11	52	63
Marriages,	9	7	16
Funerals,	23	18	41

A Sunday School has been established, which promises much good, numbering seven teachers and about fifty scholars. It is in contemplation to purchase a small library for the use of the School. A sum of between 2 and \$300 has been raised for the purpose of repairing our Church edifice, and preparations have been commenced for making some changes in the interior, that will both improve the appearance and contribute to the comfort of our place of worship. When reviewing the past year, he who labors in this corner of the Lord's vineyard humbly hopes that his labors have not been altogether in vain. Though he has to mourn over the prevalence of iniquity, and lament the lukewarmness and indifference of many to their spiritual concerns, yet has he some encouragement to persevere in his work. A few have professed to come out from the world, and at the table of communion

have dedicated themselves to the service of the Saviour. A few others seem to think seriously about the "one thing needful." O that the Lord would send down a blessing upon our people, and make us partakers of the showers of Divine Grace that are so abundantly descending upon other parts of our favored land; and whilst he has put into our hearts to improve the *material* temple, O that he would build the *spiritual* temple, repair the waste places of our little Zion, and cause 'our desert to rejoice and blossom as the rose.'

JOHN SWAN, Rector.

Upper Marlborough, May 29th, 1832.

Since my last Report, I have labored assiduously, with the exception of the different but short periods of confinement by sickness. My preaching has averaged three sermons each week, and my travelling in visitation of the sick has exceeded two thousand miles. I have baptised,

In the Parish Church, white infants,	8
Do. do. colored do.	26
In the Chapel, white infants,	18
Do. do. colored do.	33
In St. Paul's Parish, P. George's Co. white infants,	2
Do. do. do. colored do.	2
In All Faith, St. Mary's Co. white infants,	3
Do. do. colored do.	3
Aggregate,	95

The names of the white children and their birth-time, together with the names of their parents, have been recorded. I have married,

White couples,	6
Colored couple,	1—7
In St. Paul's Parish, P. George's Co., white couple,	1
King and Queen Parish, St. Mary's Co., do.	1
All Faith, St. Mary's Co., white couples,	2
Do. do. colored couple,	1—5
	12

I have buried, White adults,	28
Colored adult,	1
White children,	2
Colored do.	2—33

Marriages and burials have been duly recorded.

In William & Mary Parish, Charles Co. white adult,	1
In St. Paul's Parish, P. George's Co. do. do.	1
Do. do. do. do. child,	1
In All Faith, St. Mary's County, do. adults,	3
Do. do. do. do. children,	2—8
	41

The last year has been marked throughout with unusual sickness and mortality in this Parish. Besides dispensing the holy communion regularly in the Churches, I have dispensed it twenty-four times in private to twenty-eight white and two colored sick persons. I am happy to say, that I never before witnessed such depth of repentance towards God, such entire resignation to His will, and such ardent faith in a crucified Saviour, as I found in all of the deceased upon whom I attended. For all this, evidently the Lord's gracious work, His Holy name be praised!

I conjectured in last year's Report, that the number of communicants, when I entered the Parish, was 80. I have since found that it was 99. I then included those who had been confirmed immediately before, in the number of the increase to the list of communicants. Such has been my practice in a neighboring Diocese; and, during a brief Ministerial career there, I never knew any person to receive confirmation who did not, upon the first opportunity, partake of the Holy Communion. It seems, however, that many here do not understand confirmation to imply a consecration to the service of Almighty God; and an obligation to commune, through life, in His Church. Of those who were then confirmed, and had not previously communed, but *nine* have since communed! Twenty-three, therefore, instead of fifty-four, were the addition last year. It is to be regretted that many in these Parishes have grown grey in the wilful neglect of their confirmation vows.

From indubitable data, I form the following table :—

Number of communicants when I entered the Parish,	99
First year there died and there removed,	6
	—
	93
First year addition,	23
	—
	116
Second year addition,	38
	—
	154
Second year, 4 families, including 6 com., removed,	6
	—
	148
Second year, deceased,	13
	—
	135
Second year, Apostatised,	6
	—
	129
Colored communicants,	6
	—
Present number,	135

Children have been recently examined on the Catechism in the Churches, and a brief explanation of it given, which promise to do much good.

Funds have been raised for the purpose of repairing the Parish Church. The circulation of a considerable number of copies of that excellent parish paper, "The Banner of the Church," has evidently contributed to the prosperity of my parish. By the perusal of it, my people have become acquainted with the Apostolic foundation of the Church, and less inclined to new teachers and their erroneous doctrines. *Esto perpetua!*

F. H. L. LAIRD, Rector.

Parsonage Trinity, P. Charles Co., May 21st, 1832.

Port Tobacco Parish, Charles county.

Baptisms,	53
Communicants,	110
Marriages,	9
Funerals,	13
Sunday Schools,	3

Collected for the widows and orphans of deceased Clergymen, \$28 50.

A flourishing Temperance Society, already productive of much good, and promises to be a great blessing to the community.

LEMUEL WILMER, Rector.

Durham Parish, Charles county.

The Rector of this parish trusts that during the past year his labours have not been wholly in vain. His feeble efforts to advance the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom has been blessed in some humble measure. A few of his flock, he would hope, have been awakened by the quickening energies of the Holy Spirit.

Communicants added, 10—removed, 3—died, 2—present number, 70.

Baptisms,	{ White,	17
	{ Black,	38
Funerals,	{ White,	18
	{ Black,	5
Marriages,		11

R. PROUT, Rector.

St. Stephen's Parish, Cecil county.

The Rector of St. Stephen's Parish commenced his labours in said parish on Christmas-day. It had been vacant for a considerable time when he took charge of it—but he has been much gratified to find that it has suffered less from this cause than might have been expected, and less than generally falls to the lot of parishes similarly situated. The parishioners are generally strongly attached to the church, and regularly attend her services. May the time speedily arrive, when they shall be as remarkable for heart-felt piety and entire devotion to the service of the Redeemer, as they now are for attachment to the institutions of our holy and apostolic Church!

The church edifice is in excellent condition, and in neatness, convenience, and propriety of construction, is perhaps inferior to none in the Diocese.

Baptisms,	{ White,	5
	{ Coloured,	6
Funerals,	{ White,	2
	{ Coloured,	2
Marriages,	{ White,	1
	{ Coloured,	1

A part of every Lord's day is devoted to the catechising of the children.

Besides the services performed in his own parish, he has devoted one Sunday to the then vacant church in Chester-town:—One Sunday he has preached at the Head of Chester, Kent county, and one at Church Hill, Queen Ann's county. In Kent, he has baptised two children, and one in Queen Ann's. In these counties, the parishes, with two or three exceptions, are in a very depressed condition, and unless something is done for them, and that speedily, *must cease to exist.*

JAMES A. McKENNY, Rector.

King and Queen Parish, St. Mary's county.

During the six months which the subscriber spent in this parish, since the last Convention, he perceived an improvement in its spiritual condition. In July, the Bishop visited us—admitted the Rector to Priest's orders, and administered confirmation. The services, on this occasion, and those at an association held in August, it is confidently believed, were, by the divine blessing, productive of good.

After considerable difficulty (there being no catalogue in the parish,) he ascertained that there were thirty-two white and eighteen coloured persons who considered themselves communicants. Since that time, twelve white and eleven coloured persons have been added to the communion; all of whom, with the exception of five individuals, had been confirmed at the recent visitation of the Bishop. Baptisms, twenty-five—marriages, six—funerals, twenty-two—confirmed by the Bishop, white persons, twenty-five—coloured, twenty-seven.

The course of instruction which was reported to the last convention, as having been commenced for the benefit of the black population, was steadily pursued during his residence in the parish. The result has satisfied him that this neglected race are fully capable of *appreciating* and *profiting by* the services of our church.

JAMES A. McKENNY, late Rector.

S. Wilmer, Rector of Stepney and Spring Hill parishes, Somerset county, reports, that in the latter, the prospect is much better.

In each parish, Sunday school instruction, and Temperance Societies, with the services of the sanctuary and other means of promoting the Redeemer's cause, (notwithstanding some opposition) have not been without the Divine blessing.

The Lord's Supper has not (from peculiar circumstances) been administered publicly in Stepney parish.

In Spring Hill parish there are,

Communicants,	{ Added,	6
	{ Died,	3
	{ Suspended,	1—46
Marriages,		7
Baptisms in Spring Hill,		74
“ in Stepney,		23—97

St. Michael's Parish, Talbot county.

The Rector of St. Michael's Parish has performed, since the last Convention, 14 baptisms and 1 marriage; he has attended 5 funerals, and has 26 communicants.

Two Sunday Schools have recently been organized in different parts of the parish, which, it is hoped, will be productive of much good.

He deems it proper to state that, although he has had many difficulties to struggle with since he assumed his present charge, yet his prospects are brightening, and he begins to think that the church in his parish will, at no very distant period, recover herself from her depressed condition. His parishioners, generally, are improving in their attention to the ordinances of religion, and some, comparatively not a few, in the genuine spirit of piety.

The number of communicants, it will be perceived by the above statement, is at this time 26, last Convention it was only 12, or 14 at most, having doubled itself, or nearly so, during the year. Among other causes which, under Divine Providence, have contributed to the present favourable state of things, he takes pleasure in mentioning the visitation of Bishop Stone, in October last. Seldom has greater interest been excited, or greater good been done by an event of that nature. The church has become an object of attention with all descriptions of persons throughout the parish; and some, who were rarely, others never before seen among her worshippers, are now frequent, if not constant attendants on her services.

But while he feels that he has some ground for encouragement, he is quite certain that his difficulties are still very far from being entirely removed, and that nothing but diligence and perseverance, and above all, firm reliance on Him who has promised to be with his ministering servants to the end of time, can give him any reason to hope for final success.

The secular concerns of the parish also, although by no means as flourishing as they might be, are improving. The claim of a former incumbent on the Vestry, which has, for some years, been an impediment to the prosperity of the church, and a source of great difficulty and trouble, is in a fair way to be satisfactorily adjusted. Much has been said about erecting an additional place of worship, and some measures have been adopted by the Vestry for the accomplishment of that desirable object, but nothing of moment has yet been done.

JOSEPH SPENCER, Rector.

Somerset Parish, Somerset county.

Baptisms,	12
Marriage,	1
Funerals,	5
Communicants,	63
“ Added,	2
“ Removed by death,	2

Coventry parish, Somerset county.

Baptisms,	10
Marriage,	1
Communicants,	40

GEORGE McELHINEY.

Havre de Grace and St. George's Parishes, Harford county.

The report made to the last Convention of the number of communicants in these parishes, having been necessarily founded upon previous statements, (not made by the present incumbent) is found to be inaccurate—as the Rector has not yet received priest's orders—it is deemed expedient to defer a further report until he shall be enabled to present a precise one.

Baptisms,	{ Adult,	1
	{ Children,	7—8
Marriages,		4
Funerals,		4

E. Y. HIGBEE.

The Rector of St. Paul's Parish, Queen Ann's county, reports for the past year:

Baptisms,	6
Marriages,	2
Deaths,	3
Young persons confirmed by the Bishop in Nov. last,	7

Number of communicants same as last reported, with the exception of one removed by death.

In presenting a view of the state of his parish for the past year, he has nothing of special interest to communicate. The only circumstances which indicate a change, are the few who have been brought to the holy rite of confirmation, and a small Sunday School, which he has formed with some difficulty in the church near Centerville. In a general point of view, he has not been able (and he mentions the fact with deep regret) to excite an interest in behalf of religion, and it is only in two or three individual cases that the heart has appeared to be opening to the reception of its vital principles. Amid so much discouragement, however, he has no other alternative than to be patient and wait until God shall be pleased to reward, with better fruits, those efforts on his own part in the great cause, which, with the sustaining power of the same great being, to whom we all look up for assistance and support, he promises shall not be relaxed.

ROBERT W. GOLDSBOROUGH.

Emmanuel Parish, Alleghany county.

The Rector of this parish reports, that during the last twelve months, a new congregation has been formed in addition to the three others which he has had in charge. He now officiates twice a month in each of the four villages in which his people reside, viz: Cumberland and Frostburg, during one Sabbath, and Hancock and Clear-Spring the other. The general attendance on the Sabbath is good, and there has been some increase of the number of communicants; but there is still great wickedness among many of his charge, and the coldness and indifference of professors frequently afford abundant cause for despair.

Communicants in Cumberland and Hancock,	37
Baptisms,	13
Marriages,	6
Funerals,	5

L. H. JOHNS, Rector.

St. John's Parish, Hagerstown, Washington county.

Baptisms, 12 infants and 1 adult—Funerals, 13—Marriages, 7—Communicants, added, 27—Died or removed, 8—Present number, 98—Sunday scholars, 110—Bible class, 16.

This parish is believed to be decidedly improving both in its spiritual and temporal interests. When the present Rector took charge of it about four years since, it was labouring under a heavy and embarrassing debt, which is now gradually sinking, by means of an annual subscription for that purpose; and it is hoped that in about two years the whole amount will be paid off. Great liberality has been discovered among the parishioners in this good work, which we desire here to record to the praise of all concerned. The general attention to the services of the sanctuary has also been highly gratifying.

The word preached has, as we humbly trust, been made the word of life to some during the past year, while all, especially of late, have evinced an increased attention to "the things that make for their peace." We have a weekly meeting for prayer and familiar exposition of Scripture, held in private houses, which appears to be productive of great good.

Besides my regular services in Hagerstown, I have officiated once a month to a small, but very attentive congregation in Williamsport, where we think there is some prospect of ultimately establishing our services. I have also occasionally preached at another place, in the country, about seven miles east of this, when large congregations meet, and give a very respectful attention.—On the whole, we feel encouraged to hope that the cause of Christ and the cause of the Church, which are identical, are gradually on the advance in this parish; and that our congregation, "walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost" will be "multiplied."

That the great Head of the Church and Bishop of our souls, may so order it, is the fervent prayer of the present pastor.

ROBERT B. DRANE.

St. Paul's Parish, Sharpsburg, Washington county.

The Rector has laboured during the past year amidst many difficulties, arising from his ill health and temporal concerns; but he has great reason for thankfulness to Almighty God that his feeble exertions have not been altogether put forth in vain. There have been some useful members added to the Church—and many others appear to be seriously engaged in the great work of their soul's salvation. The Bishop's visit was a season of much interest with us, and gave general satisfaction. The church was consecrated to the service of Almighty God, and a goodly number admitted to the holy rite of confirmation. A Sabbath school, weekly lecture, and monthly missionary prayer meeting, have been continued, without much interruption during the year. Every attention has been paid to the spiritual wants of the young, and catechetical instructions imparted to them regularly once every two weeks, and they appear to be increasing in grace and knowledge.

The Rector would here take occasion to correct the report of the last year in regard to the number of communicants. The number mentioned was twenty-five—it should have been *uncertain*. The register *supposed* the number to be about twenty-five, and that number was accordingly given in; but we have since ascertained that the greatest number was twenty-one—three of whom we have lost by death and removals. Eleven added during the past year. Present number twenty-nine.

Baptisms,	8—1 by immersion.
Marriages,	7
Funerals,	8
Confirmed, { White,	13
{ Coloured,	4
Sabbath school children, about	60

The congregation at the Antietam Iron works is large and attentive. The Messrs. McPherson and Brien have not yet been able to erect the place of worship as mentioned by Bishop Mead—but have every desire to do so, being hindered only by the additional improvements they have been obliged to make to their works. As soon as these are completed, they will have space and opportunity to erect a comfortable building for the use of the congregation, and as a testimony of their reverence for the gospel.

JOHN ALEX. ADAMS, Rector.

The Rector of Trinity Church, Elkton, reports, that during his residence in this place, he has performed,

Baptisms,	{ Infants,	5
	{ Adults,	6—11
Marriages,	{ White,	11
	{ Coloured,	4—15
Funerals,	. . . . .	4

He also reports, that in addition to the organization of a congregation, a church is being built, which will be ready for consecration about the first of August.

WM. HENRY REES.

In the last report of Wm. and Mary Parish, Charles county, the number of communicants is stated to be *fifty*. *Seventeen* have been added, making the present number *sixty-seven*.

Five marriages have been celebrated—thirty-six children baptised—and twenty-five burials attended.

The parishioners gratefully remember the labours of my worthy predecessor, the Rev. Mr. Mann, and the general tone of moral sentiment in the parish, and respect paid to the religious truth, may be attributed in no small degree to his exertions among them.

It is a matter for grateful acknowledgement, on the part of the present Rector, that a number in the Parish are feeling the importance of taking at once their decisions upon the subject of religion—and that a further number anticipate, at the next season of communion, to place themselves among the public followers of Christ.

FITCH W. TAYLOR,
Rector of Wm. & Mary Parish, Charles county.

Resolved, That the treasurer of this Convention, be directed to pay to the delegates to the General Convention, the quota due from this Diocese to the contingent fund of said convention.

Resolved, That the sum of fifty dollars be paid to the secretary for his services during the present session.

Resolved, That the sum of ten dollars be paid to the sexton of St. Paul's church, for his services on the present occasion.

No further business being brought before the convention, the minutes of this day's proceedings were read and approved. The session was closed with prayer and benediction by the bishop: when the house adjourned sine die.

WM. M. STONE, *President*

RICHARD M. HALL, *Secretary*.

SUMMARY OF THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Churches.	Where situated.	Ministers.	Baptisms.		Con- firm- ed.	Communicants.			Mar- ria- ges.	Bur- ials.	Sunday schools	
			Infants	Adults		Died or re- moved	Ad- ded	Pre- sent No.			Teach- ers.	Scho- lars.
St. Paul's	Baltimore	W. E. Wyatt, D. D.	53					280	22	51	20	100
St. Peter's	Ditto	J. P. K. Henshaw, D. D.	44	9		22	57	379	19	30		
Christ	Ditto	John Johns	9					154	11	32	35	199
Trinity	Ditto	J. V. Bartow	64	1				132	35	56		
St. John's	Anne Arundel Co.	C. Williams, D. D.	8	1		1	3	10				
Christ	Elk Ridge	Thomas Billopp						11				
St. James'	Baltimore county	John Wiley	29			5	15	33	1	6		
St. John's	Washington, D. C.	W. Hawley	31					91	9			
Trinity	Ditto	Chauncey Colton	30					115				
Christ	Ditto	F. W. Hatch	20			8	34	128	7	24		180
Rock Creek	District of Columbia	C. Wiltberger	12			5	16	35	3	21		150
St. Margaret's	Anne Arundel Co.	Henry Aisquith	10					9	2	3		
All Saint's	Calvert county	W. F. Chesley	15					45	3	10		
St. James'	West river	Ditto	19	3		6	16	71	6	10		
All Saint's	Frederick City	Thomas Jackson	22	3		8	22	120	4	18		
St. Mark's	Frederick county	Jared Rice	5			1	7	60	3	11		
Christ	P. Geo's & Ch. Co's	Matthias Harris	102			3	16	59	9	21		
Queen Ann parish	Prince George's Co.	G. L. Mackenheimer	72			6	4	61	7	26		
Zion Church & Ad- dison's Chapel. }	Ditto	W. A. Smallwood	19			5	12	55	5	9		
Trinity	Upper Marlborough	John Swan	63			7	11	54	16	41	7	50
Trinity parish	Charles county	P. H. I. Laird	95					135	24	41		
Port Tobacco do.	Ditto	Lenuel Wilmer	63					110	9	13		
Durham do.	Ditto	Robert Prout	55			5	10	70	11	23		
St. Stephen's do.	Cecil county	J. A. McKenney	11						2	4		
King and Queen do.	St. Mary's do.	Ditto	25		52		23	73	6	22		

APPENDIX.

Rev. and Dear Sir,

At the meeting of the members of the Corporation, for the relief of Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergy of the Protestant Episcopal Church, held at *Chestertown*, at the meeting of the Convention in 1831:—It was *Resolved*, To direct the ministers who are members of the Corporation, and request the other ministers, *not* members, to preach a sermon and take up a collection in each of their churches for the benefit of the Corporation, and the superannuated or the disabled ministers of this Diocese, to be equally divided between these associations.

In consequence of this resolve, I deemed it my duty, to address a circular to each minister, requesting they would comply with the resolve, in consequence, I have received the following amount of money,—and as I do not know a more proper tribunal to report to than this Convention, I report as follows:—I have received

From the Rev. Mr. L. Wilmer, of Port Tobacco,	-	\$ 28	50
From the Rev. Mr. W. A. Smallwood of Bla-	{ \$ 9 45 }		
densburg,	{ 3 55 }	13	00
From the Rev. Simon Wilmer, of Spring Hill Church,		6	00
From the Rev. Mr Hatch, Christ Church, (Washington,)		26	62
From the Rev. Mr. Wiltberger, Rock Creek Church,	-	4	00

Total amount received, \$ 78 12

I have expectations of receiving farther sums, but not in time to report to this Convention.

PETER HOFFMAN,

*Treasurer, Corporation for the relief of Widows and Children of
Deceased Clergy of the P. E. Church of Maryland.*

*To the President of the Convention of the
Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Maryland.*

Baltimore, June 1, 1832.

LIST OF THE CLERGY
OF THE
DIOCESE OF MARYLAND,
JUNE 1, 1832.

The Clergymen to whose names an asterisk () is prefixed, did not attend the meeting of the Convention.*

- Right Rev. Wm. M. Stone, D. D** Bishop of the Diocese, residing in Salisbury, Somerset county.
- Rev. Charles C. Austin,** Rector of St. Thomas' parish, Baltimore county.
- **Henry Aisquith,** St. Margaret's, Westminster, Anne Arundel county.
- * **Walter D. Addison,** residing in George Town, D. C.
- **John Alexander Adams,** St. Paul's parish, Sharpsburg, Washington county.
- **John V. Bartow,** Trinity Church, Baltimore.
- **Thomas Bayne,** St. Peter's parish, Easton, Talbot county.
- **John G. Blanchard,** St. Anne's Church, Annapolis.
- **Thomas Billopp,** Christ's Church, Queen Caroline parish, Anne Arundel county.
- **John T. Brooke,** Christ's Church, George Town, D. C.
- **William F. Chesley,** Christ's Church, Calvert—and St. James' Church, Anne Arundel county.
- **John Claxton,** residing in Baltimore.
- **Chauncey Colton,** Trinity Church, Washington, D. C.
- * **William Duke,** residing in Elkton, Cecil county.
- * **Henry L. Davis,** residing at Poplar Springs, Anne Arundel county.
- **R. B. Drane,** St. John's Church, Hagers Town, Washington county.
- * **John Forman,** Worcester county.
- **Levin J. Gillis,** Prince George and St. Bartholomew's parishes, Rockville, Montgomery county.

- Rev. Henry B. Goodwin**, St. Paul's parish, Nottingham, Prince George's county.
- **Robert W. Goldsborough**, St. Paul's parish, Centreville, Queen Ann's county.
- **Hector Humphreys**, Principal of St. John's college, Annapolis.
- **J. P. K. Henshaw**, St. Peter's Church, Baltimore.
- **Frederick W. Hatch**, Christ's Church, Washington, D. C.
- **William Hawley**, St. John's Church, Washington, D. C.
- **Matthias Harris**, Christ Church, Prince George's county.
- **Edward Y. Higbee**, Havre de-Grace parish, Harford county.
- **Jonathan Judd**, Great Choptank parish, Dorchester county.
- **John Johns**, Christ Church, Baltimore.
- **Leonard H. Johns**, Emanuel Parish, Cumberland, Alleghany county.
- **Thomas Jackson**, All Saint's parish, Frederick City.
- **Norris M. Jones**, All Faith parish, Charlotte Hall, St. Mary's county.
- **Clement F. Jones**, Chester parish, Chester Town, Kent county.
- **John R. Keech**, St. John's parish, Baltimore, and Harford counties, residing at Bel-Air, Harford county.
- **Francis H. L. Laird**, Trinity parish, Newport, Charles county.
- **George McElliney**, Somerset parish, Princess Ann, Somerset county.
- **R. H. B. Mitchell**, William and Mary parish, Ridge, St. Mary's county.
- **James A. McKenny**, St. Stephen's parish, Sassafras Neck, Cecil county.
- **George L. Mackenheimer**, Queen Ann parish, Prince George's county.
- * **Andrew T. McCormick**, residing in Washington, D. C.
- **Robert Prout**, Durham parish, Charles county.
- * **Thomas Reid**.
- **William H. Rees**, Trinity parish, Elkton, Cecil county.
- **Jared Rice**, St Marks, Frederick county.
- **William A. Smallwood**, Zion Church, Bladensburg, Prince George's county.
- **Joseph Spencer**, D. D. St. Michael's parish, Talbot county.
- **John Swan**, Trinity Church, Upper Malborough, Prince George's county.
- * **Purnell F. Smith**, residing in George Town, Kent county.
- **Fitch W. Taylor**, William and Mary parish, Allen's Fresh, Charles county.
- **William E. Wyatt**, D. D. St. Paul's parish, Baltimore.

- Rev. Charles Williams**, D. D. St. John's church, Anne Arundel county.
- **Lemuel Wilmer**, Port Tobacco parish, Charles county.
- **Simon Wilmer**, Spring Hill parish, Salisbury, Somerset county.
- **John Wiley**, St. James' parish, Baltimore county.
- **Christian Willberger**, Rock Creek Church, District of Columbia.
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LIST OF THE LAY DELEGATES,

Who attended the Convention, and of the Parishes which they represented.

- Mr. Alexander C. Magruder**, St. Anne's, Annapolis.
- **Noah Ridgely**, St. Peter's, Baltimore,
- **Samuel I. Donaldson**, St. Paul's Baltimore.
- **William A. Spencer**, St. Paul's Queen Ann's county.
- **Horatio C. Scott**, Trinity Church, Upper Marlborough.
- **Benjamin J. Dashiell**, Spring Hill Parish, Somerset county.
- **George D. Parnham**, Trinity Parish, Charles county.
- **William W. Johnston**, Somerset parish, Somerset county.
- **H. G. S. Key**, St. Andrew's parish, St. Mary's county.
- **Nathan Dickerson**, Prince George's parish, Montgomery county.
- **Nathaniel Knight**, Trinity Church, Baltimore.
- **Samuel R. Gaither**, St. Bartholomew's, Montgomery county.
- **Wm. James**, Trinity Parish, Washington City.
- **Thomas W. Veazey**, St. Stephen's parish, Cecil county.
- **Benjamin Lowndes**, Addison's Chapel, Prince George's county.
- **Edwin Forman**, Worcester Parish, Worcester county.
- **Josias Hawkins**, William and Mary parish, Charles county.
- **Thomas H. Marshall**, Christ Church, Prince George and Charles counties.
- **Washington Berry**, Rock Creek Church, D. C.
- **William J. Ross**, All Saint's parish, Frederick county.
- **John Montgomery**, Zion parish, Frederick county.
- **Richard Thomas**, William and Mary parish, St. Mary's county.
- **John Slade**, St. James' parish, Baltimore county.

- Mr. Benjamin Mullikin**, St. Margaret's Church, Westminster parish, Anne Arundel county.
- **James Howard**, Christ Church, Baltimore.
- **James Thomas**, King and Queen parish, St. Mary's county.
- **Arthur Shaaff**, Christ Church, George Town, D. C.
- **Charles W. Goldsborough**, St. John's parish, Washington City.
- **Robert Banning**, St. Michael's, Talbot county.
- **Wm. Garrett**, St. Mark's parish, Frederick county.
- **Thomas H. Wilkinson**, All Saint's parish, Calvert county.
- **John B. Eccleston**, Chester parish, Kent county.
- **Isaac Winchester**, Christ Church, Queen Ann's county.
- **Samuel Brown, Jr.** Christ Church, Queen Caroline parish, Anne Arundel county.
- **Jonathan Prout**, Washington parish, Washington City.
- **Thomas T. Wheeler**, St. Peter's parish, Montgomery county.
- **John Thomas**, St. James' Parish, Anne Arundel county.
- **Howes Goldsborough**, Havre-de-Grace parish, Harford county.
- **John G. Chapman**, Port Tobacco parish, Charles county.
- **Richard B. Walker**, Zion Church, Prince George's county.

<i>Number of Clergy in the Diocese at the last Convention,</i>	58
<i>Added,</i>	3
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	61
<i>Died,</i>	2
<i>Removed out of the Diocese,</i>	5—
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<i>Present number,</i>	54
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<i>Attended the Convention,</i>	47
<i>Absent,</i>	7
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The names of Clergymen entitled to seats at the last Convention, were called over by the Secretary, agreeably to the 4th rule of order. The following answered to their names and took their seats.

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G. L. Mackenheimer,
Jared Rice,
Fitch W. Taylor,
W. E. Wyatt,
Christian Wiltberger.**

The following Lay Delegates presented their testimonials, and subscribed the declaration required by the 2nd article of the constitution.

**Mr. Henry McPherson,
William Hewitt,
John T. Hawkins,
Noah Ridgely,
Samuel I. Donaldson,
Nathaniel Knight,
Grafton Duvall,**

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Francis H. L. Laird,
G. L. Mackenheimer,
Jared Rice,
Fitch W. Taylor,
W. E. Wyatt,
Christian Wiltberger.**

The following Lay Delegates presented their testimonials, and subscribed the declaration required by the 2nd article of the constitution.

**Mr. Henry McPherson,
William Hewitt,
John T. Hawkins,
Noah Ridgely,
Samuel I. Donaldson,
Nathaniel Knight,
Grafton Duvall,**

**Mr. M. C. Jones,
William E. Scott,
Thomas W. Veazey,
John Tilghman,
Charles R. Stewart,
Nathan Dickerson.**

and then the chair shall appoint the several committees mentioned in the fourth Rule of Order.

6th. The standing committee for the preceding year shall be the committee on the state of the Church; and all parochial reports shall be referred to the said committee.

7th. Every member who shall deliver his opinion, or speak in any debate, shall stand up in his place; and with respect and decency, address himself to the President.

8th. If two or more members shall rise to speak at the same time, the President shall declare which shall speak first.

9th. No member shall speak more than twice in any debate, except with leave; nor shall any member be interrupted while he is speaking in order. And if any member shall rise to speak more than twice on the same question, without leave, the President shall call him to order.

10th. Any member called to order by the President, or by a member, shall thereupon take his seat.

11th. When the Convention is sitting, no member shall speak to another, so as to interrupt any member who may be speaking in a debate.

12th. No motion shall be debated, until the same be seconded; and, if desired by the President, reduced to writing, and read by the Secretary.

13th. When a motion is made and seconded, the matter of the motion shall receive a determination by the question, unless postponed by a motion for postponement, or by the previous question, before any other motion shall be received.

14th. If a question in debate contain more parts than one, any member may have the same divided into as many questions as there are parts.

15th. All questions of order shall be decided by the President. Upon all questions of order there shall be a right of appeal from the decision of the presiding officer to the Convention.

16th. No member shall absent himself from the service of the Convention, unless he may have leave, or be unable to attend.

17th. A question being once determined, shall stand as the judgment of the Convention; and shall not be again drawn into debate during the same session, except with the consent of two-thirds of the Convention.

18th. The foregoing rules of order shall be deemed and considered the rules of order of all future Conventions, until altered or rescinded; and the same shall be published in the Journal of each Convention.

Noah Ridgely, Esq. tendered his resignation as treasurer of the Convention, which was accepted, and, on motion made and seconded, it was *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be presented to Mr. Ridgely for the faithful manner in which he has discharged the duties of the office.

The accounts of the late treasurer were read and referred to the Committee on Accounts.

The Bishop then delivered the following address :

Rev. Brethren, and Brethren of the Laity :

When we last met in this place, I was in a state of extreme debility, owing to a recent violent illness, of which you were then apprised. Since then my health has been gradually improving, and I have cause to thank the great Disposer of events, that I have now attained my usual strength. I reflect gratefully upon your manifestation of christian sympathy with me, and shall not fail to invoke mercy for you at the throne of Grace.

Brethren:—I cannot omit alluding to the fact, designed to produce a lasting moral impression, that within the past year our beloved country has been sorely visited by “the pestilence that walketh in darkness, and the sickness that destroyeth in the noon-day.” This city, and many other parts of our diocese, were not exempt from the general calamity. But we have cause for gratitude, that during the prevalence of a disease that has swept off, as with a flood, more than one million of our fellow mortals, not one has been taken by any disease from our own order. Notwithstanding the danger to which many were exposed in the discharge of their professional duty, the number of clergymen is not diminished during the last year. This manifest display of the goodness of God, should excite us to increased faithfulness, and should cause all that is within us to praise his holy name.

Since our last session, the General Convention met in the city of New York. Our venerable presiding Bishop was present, and took an active part in the counsels of the church. Although there were several subjects brought before the house, which were calculated to elicit much feeling and energy, yet, I have the satisfaction to inform you, that the business of the convention was conducted in a manner and spirit, gratifying to the friends of the church. While we see other societies of christians, dividing and sub-dividing into sects, thereby destroying the unity of the faith, and weakening the bonds of peace; we have the happiness of seeing our church yet united as a body, with a growing harmony in principle, and verifying

the promise of Christ, to be with his church always, even unto the end of the world.

One part of the business which occupied a considerable portion of the time of the convention, was the revision of the canons of the church, which have been under the action of a select committee during the last nine years. Much labor was bestowed upon them by one of the first legal characters in this country. They are now completed and published under the authority of the General Convention. I was induced to mention this circumstance, with a view of suggesting to the consideration of this body, whether it has not become necessary for us also to revise our ecclesiastical laws in this diocese, that they may be in accordance with the canons of the general church. Previous to the death of Bishop Kemp, a revision of them was proposed, and a committee appointed, but nothing was done by them. If it was thought necessary at that time, it is especially so at this time, after the many changes which have been made in the canons of the General Convention.

I will now call your attention to the Missionary Society, which was established at our last convention. The executive committee met immediately after the adjournment of the convention, and agents were appointed to solicit contributions for the society. An address was published which you have perhaps read, pointing out in strong language, the deplorable situation of many of our parishes, and soliciting the friends of the church to aid them in the promotion of the great object of the society. Whether any thing has been done towards securing the best interest of the society, I am not fully able to inform you. The report of the committee will show what has been effected.—Let me again urge upon this convention, and the diocese at large, to foster with parental care, and as one of their most conscientious duties, a society which has for its object the building up the waste places of our Zion. There are so many calls upon the domestic and foreign Missionary Society, that it would be in vain to expect any aid from that quarter; we must therefore, endeavor to meet our own wants, or many of our languishing parishes will be irrecoverably lost. A more general knowledge of the state of the diocese, arising from actual observation, has fully confirmed me in the opinion I have just expressed.

The Rev. Mr. Claxton, who was appointed by the last convention to act as its agent, in soliciting contributions to the permanent fund for the support of the Episcopate, will, I presume, report what has been the success of his agency.—In order to embrace two objects at the same time, the Rev. Mr.

Claxton kindly consented to serve as a Missionary in the vacant parishes, in which capacity I gave him a license to act.

On the Sunday immediately after the adjournment of the last convention, I admitted the Rev. John Wiley, Rev. John Alexander Adams, and Rev. Fitch W. Taylor, to the sacred order of Priests. The charge to the candidates was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Wyatt. The Rev. Clergy present, united in the imposition of hands.

In consequence of the feeble state of my health during the summer, I was not able to visit any part of the diocese until after my return from the General Convention.

On Sunday the 18th of November, I preached twice in Chestertown.

On Friday the 23d, I consecrated a neat church in Elkton, Cecil county, by the name of "Trinity." During my visit I preached twice in the newly consecrated church.

On Saturday the 24th, I preached to a small congregation at North East Church, about 7 or 8 miles from Elkton, in the same parish. This church has been long vacant, and from the best information I could collect, there is no probability that the services of a Clergyman will be procured.

On Sunday the 25th, I preached at Havre de Grace, Harford county. But in consequence of the absence of the Rector, my letter was not received, and the appointment had to be made after I arrived in the morning. The church in this place was sometime since consumed by lightning, but through the zeal and liberality of its members, and their warm attachment to their minister, it is so far rebuilt as to be in a state for public worship.

On Tuesday the 27th, I preached in St. John's church, St. John's parish, Baltimore county.

On Wednesday the 28th, I preached in Trinity church, St. James' parish, Baltimore county, and confirmed *five* persons.

On Thursday the 29th, I preached in St. James' church, in the same parish, and confirmed *six* persons.

On Friday the 30th, I preached in Christ's church, Queen Caroline parish, Anne Arundel county, and confirmed *one* person.

On Saturday the 1st December, I preached in St. John's church, in the same parish.

On Sunday the 2d, I preached in St. Peter's church, Baltimore, and confirmed *forty-eight* persons. And in the evening of the same day, in Christ church, Baltimore, I ordained Hugh T. Harrison a Deacon. The Rev. Dr. Henshaw preached the ordination sermon.

Upon my visit to Baltimore, at the request of the Rector of St. Peter's, advantage was taken of the occasion, by the Rev. Dr. Wyatt, to procure the private administration of the rite of confirmation to several of his parishioners, who, through sickness and other providential causes, had been absent at the season of the last confirmation; or who, ready and desirous to receive the Lord's supper, under the provision of the rubric for such cases, had not waited for the previous ordination. Accordingly, on Monday the 3d of December, after morning prayers, I confirmed in St. Paul's church, Baltimore, *twenty-two* persons.

Having been advised by my physician, to avoid, if possible, much exposure during the winter season, I considered it prudent to make no other appointments, beyond the limits of the parish in which I reside, until the commencement of the spring.

On Sunday, the 31st of March, I preached in Christ church, Baltimore, and confirmed *fifty-eight* persons.

On Sunday, afternoon of the 31st, I preached in Trinity church, Baltimore, and confirmed *forty-nine* persons.

On Tuesday, the 2d of April, I preached in St. Thomas' parish, Baltimore county.

On Thursday, the 4th, I preached at the parish church of St. Margaret's, Westminster, Anne Arundel county.

On Friday, the 5th, I preached in the Chapel, in the same parish.

On Sunday, the 7th, I preached twice in St. Ann's church, Annapolis, and confirmed *twenty-nine* persons.

On Monday, the 8th, I preached in All Hallow's parish, Anne Arundel county, and confirmed *seven* persons.

On Tuesday, the 9th, I preached in St. James' church, West river, and confirmed *seventeen* persons.

On Wednesday, the 10th, I preached at Miss Mercer's Seminary, and confirmed *five* young ladies.

On Thursday, the 11th, I preached in All Saints' parish, Calvert county, and confirmed *nine* white persons, and *one* colored.

On Saturday, the 13th, I preached in Christ church parish, Calvert county, and confirmed *nine* persons.

On Sunday, the 14th, I preached in the Chapel, in the same parish, and confirmed *four* persons.

On Tuesday, the 16th, I preached in the parish church of William and Mary, St. Mary's county, and confirmed *two* persons.

On Wednesday, the 17th, I preached in the Chapel, in the same parish, and confirmed *four* persons.

On Saturday, the 20th, I preached in All Saints, King and Queen parish.

On Wednesday evening, the 1st of May, I preached to a small congregation in Nottingham.

On Thursday, the 2d, I preached in the parish church, in St. Paul's parish, Prince George's county, and confirmed *ten* white and *three* colored persons.

On Friday, the 3d, I preached in the chapel, in the same parish, and confirmed *eight* persons.

On Saturday, the 4th, I preached in Trinity church, Upper Marlborough, Prince George's county, and confirmed *eighteen* white and *eleven* colored persons.

On Sunday, the 5th, I preached in the parish church, in Queen Ann parish, Prince George's county, and confirmed *five* persons.

On Monday, the 6th, I preached in the Chapel, in the same parish, and confirmed *five* persons.

On Tuesday the 7th, I preached in Zion church, Vansville, and confirmed *ten* persons.

On Wednesday, the 8th, I consecrated the church, commonly called Addison's Chapel, to the service of Almighty God, by the name of St. Matthew's church. On the same occasion I preached and confirmed *ten* persons.

On Thursday, the 9th, I preached in Rock-creek church, and confirmed *forty-four* persons.

On Friday, the 10th, I preached in the morning and afternoon, in Christ church, George Town, D. C., and confirmed *fifteen* white and *four* colored persons.

On Sunday, the 12th, I preached in St. John's church, Washington, D. C., and confirmed *nineteen* white and *four* colored persons. In the afternoon I preached in Christ church, Washington, and confirmed *twenty-one* persons. Also at night in Trinity church, Washington, I confirmed *nineteen* white and *two* colored persons.

The whole number confirmed, during the present year, is *four hundred and eighty-eight*.

Clerical changes:—The Rev. William Armstrong, Rector of St. Peter's church, Montgomery county, has removed to the Diocese of Virginia. Rev. Simon Wilmer, Rector of Stepney and Spring Hill parishes, Somerset county, has removed to the Diocese of Pennsylvania. Rev. Chauncey Colton, from the Diocese of New York, has taken charge of Trinity church, Washington, D. C. Rev. Henry V. D. Johns, from the Diocese of New York, is settled in All Saint's parish, Frederick county. Rev. Matthias Harris, has left his parish, in Prince George's county, and taken charge of Christ church parish,

Calvert county. Rev. John Wiley, has removed from St. James' parish, Baltimore county, and has been appointed Rector of All Hallows and Worcester parishes, Worcester county. Rev. John Alexander Adams, Rector of St. Paul's parish, Washington county, has resigned his charge.

I must here record, with much sensibility, the loss that the church has sustained in the death of Mr. Spencer P. Judd, a candidate for holy orders in this Diocese. He was a young gentleman of piety and talents, and gave strong evidence of his sincere and ardent attachment to the church. While we deplore his loss, let us pray that Almighty God may visit with his grace and consolation, his bereaved parents—supporting them under this trying appointment of his Providence, and sanctifying their affliction to their eternal welfare!

My Rev. Brethren:—In concluding this report, permit me, in the language of affection, to remind you in few words of the *extreme difficulty* of the work, which at your ordination, you promised that you would endeavor faithfully to perform. The youngest of you in the ministry, have no doubt discovered before this time, how difficult it is to bring sinners to a knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus. We have to encounter the prejudices of a guilty race, who have forfeited their title to the kingdom of Heaven; and though as ambassadors for Christ, we offer unto them eternal life, on the most gracious terms, yet, we are forewarned that we shall find our messages of love disregarded, as unworthy of present attention. Insensible of the importance of the truths which we declare unto them, they scarcely propose to lend a listening ear to our entreaties and expostulations. Their hearts are averse to the restraints of the Gospel; and in opposition to all the strivings of the Spirit with their conscience, they pursue the road that leads to death. Though God's word declares, that they are under the sentence of death, and justly liable to the wrath of a holy Judge, and we offer unto them pardon through the blood of Christ; yet, we are coldly regarded, and considered disturbers of their peace. The seductions of unbelief, also prompt them to turn a deaf ear to our strongest arguments—arguments enforced with the tremendous authority of God himself—sustained by appeals from the blood of the immaculate Jesus, and urged with our own tears of tenderness and compassion. Should we arouse them to a sense of their guilt and danger, how often have we the distress to see them fall again into the slumber of spiritual death. Our most pleasing, animating hopes are often frustrated, and we are left to mourn in our retirement over the peril of souls, and the declining state of our Zion. "Zion spreadeth forth

her hands," says the Prophet, "and there is none to comfort her."

The world is also combined against us, and renders our work more difficult. It is the christian's adversary. The temptations, the allurements, and the terrors of the world, have a powerful tendency to alienate the soul from God; and though we may point out the evils which encompass sinners, and the dangers to which they are exposed, yet, the things of time and sense, take faster hold upon them, than the awful realities of eternity. "The cares of the world," says our blessed Lord, "and the deceitfulness of riches, choak the word, and it becometh unfruitful."

Is our work thus important, and thus difficult, and can we be indifferent in the performance of it? It must be faithfully done, or the consequences that will follow are the most awful and terrific. The dominions of the Prince of darkness, will be enlarged with the number of wretched souls that forfeit their title to the promises, unless by our united prayers—by our most vigorous, persevering, and ardent endeavors, we reclaim sinners from the error of their ways. Seeing the work is so difficult, so vast, so animating, let us with mutual love and forbearance, unite in advancing it; shrink from no sacrifice; omit no means; but with fixed and determined resolution, through grace, devote every faculty of our souls and bodies, to the service of our God and Redeemer. Let us not despair of success, but look to Him from whence cometh our help. If God be for us who can prevail against us? The means which once extirpated idolatry, are in our hands, and have lost nothing of their power or attraction. Souls are now as precious in Jehovah's sight, as they were when He first gave the promise, that the serpent's head should be bruised. Let us be resolved, and active, and faithful, and the Kingdom of the Messiah shall continue to extend itself; and in the great day of its final and universal establishment, we shall be permitted to share its everlasting glory.

The following communication from the Secretary of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies of the General Convention, addressed to the Rt. Rev. Bishop of this Diocese, was read and ordered to appear on the journal.

NEW YORK, *May 8th, 1833.*

Right Rev. Sir,

The 50th canon of our church makes it the duty of the Secretary of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, whenever any alteration of the constitution is proposed, or any other subject submitted to the consideration of the several Diocesan

Conventions, to give a particular notice thereof to the ecclesiastical authority of this church in every Diocese. In compliance with these requisitions, I take this opportunity respectfully to transmit to you the following notice of matters submitted by the late General Convention, to the consideration of the Diocesan Conventions, viz :

1. *Resolved*, the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies concurring, that it be made known to the several Diocesan Conventions, that it is hereby proposed for adoption at the next General Convention, to insert the following rubric after the "Prayer to be used at the meetings of Convention." "During the period of the session of any General or Diocesan Convention, the above prayer may be used by all congregations of this church, or of the Diocese concerned; the clause "here assembled in thy name and presence," being changed to "now assembled in thy name and presence;" and the clause "govern us in our present work," to "govern them in their present work."

Resolved, the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies concurring, that it be made known to the several Diocesan Conventions, that it is hereby proposed for adoption at the next General Convention, to insert the said prayer and rubric at the end of the "Prayers upon several occasions to be used before the two final prayers of morning and evening service. (See Journal of the General Convention, 1832, pp. 92 and 57.)

2. *Resolved*, That with the concurrence of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, it be made known to the Conventions of the several Dioceses, that it is hereby proposed to alter the rubric before the "Selections of Psalms," so as to read, "The following selections of Psalms, or any one or more Psalms, or any portions of the 119th Psalm in the Psalter, may be used instead of the Psalms for the day, at the discretion of the minister." And that the fourth paragraph of the "order how the Psalter is appointed to be read," be erased. (See Journal of General Convention, 1832, pp. 93, 94.)

3. *Resolved*, the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies concurring, that it be made known to the Conventions of the several Dioceses, that it is hereby proposed to alter the last rubric before the communion service, by substituting the word "right," for the word "north." (See Journal of General Convention, 1832, pp. 93, 94.)

A true copy of the above resolutions, as concurred in by both Houses in General Convention, October, 1832.

Attest,

HENRY ANTHON,

Secretary of H. of C. and L. Dep.

Rt. Rev. BISHOP STONE.

The Committee on the rights of Clergymen to seats in this Convention, reported *unanimously* in favor of the following Clergymen :

Rev. Charles C. Austin,	Rev. Edward Y. Higbee,
Henry Aisquith,	John Johns,
Walter D. Addison,	Henry V. D. Johns,
John V. Bartow,	Leonard H. Johns,
John G. Blanchard,	Jonathan Judd,
Thomas Billopp,	Norris M. Jones,
John T. Brooke,	Clement F. Jones,
Thomas Bayne,	John R. Keech,
William F. Chesley,	Francis H. L. Laird,
Chauncey Colton,	J. A. McKenney,
John Claxton,	George McElhiney,
R. B. Drane,	R. H. B. Mitchell,
William Duke,	G. L. Mackenheimer,
John Foreman,	Robert Prout,
Levin I. Gilliss,	William H. Rees,
R. W. Goldsborough,	Jared Rice,
Henry B. Goodwin,	Thomas Reid,
Hector Humphreys,	Purnell F. Smith,
J. P. K. Henshaw, D. D.	Joseph Spencer, D. D.
F. W. Hatch,	Wm. A. Smallwood,
Wm. E. Wyatt, D. D.	John Swan,
Lemuel Wilmer,	Fitch W. Taylor,
Chas. Williams, D. D.	John Wiley,
William Hawley,	Christian Wiltbeger.
Matthias Harris,	49

Leave of absence was given to the Rev. Mr. Hatch.

On motion it was *Resolved*, That Clergymen of this church from other dioceses, and at present in this city, be admitted to seats in this Convention.

The Rev. Mr. Reynolds from Pennsylvania, took a seat in accordance with the above resolution.

The committee to whom the accounts of the late Treasurer were referred, reported that they had carefully examined and found the said accounts to be correct, as follows:

The Treasurer of the Convention, charged with the funds for the support of the Episcopate, takes leave to report the present situation of the said fund.

Deposited in the Savings Bank of Baltimore,	\$470 78
Certificates of seven full shares of Stock of the Union	
Bank of Maryland, amounting to, - - -	525 00
One certificate of trust of Baltimore Life Insurance	
Company, for - - - - -	500 00

One certificate of Stock in the Mechanics' Saving Fund Society of Baltimore, bearing interest at 5 per cent. to the credit of the following Parishes, viz :

Somerset Parish,	-	-	-	-	67	
Stepney Parish,	-	-	-	-	10	
Spring Hill Parish,	-	-	-	-	140	217 00

One certificate of Stock of the Mechanics' Saving Fund Society of Baltimore, being the dividend for the past year on Stock in the Union Bank of Maryland and Life Insurance Company, up to July, 1832, bearing interest at 5 per cent., - - 40 75

Check enclosed, being amount of dividend received from Union Bank of Maryland, in July last, - 15 75

Making the present value of this fund to be, \$1,769 28
Exclusive of the interest on the Stock of the Union Bank of Maryland, and certificate of trust of the Baltimore Life Insurance Company, payable in July next. All which is respectfully submitted.

NOAH RIDGELY.

BALTIMORE, *May 28th*, 1833.

Dr. *Protestant E. Church of Md. in acct. with Noah Ridgely, Treas.* Cr.

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May 31,	To cash paid Rev. R. Mitchell, . . .	\$19 00	May 30,	By balance, . . .	\$4 10
June 1,	Do. Joseph Robinson for printing, . . .	56 67	June 1,	Cash received of committee appointed to receive Convention funds, . . .	212 25
	Do. Lucas and Deaver for printing, . . .	67 00			
	Do. Rev J. R. Keech, . . .	18 00			
	Do. James Merriken, . . .	10 00			
2,	Do. Rev. G. McElhinney, . . .	17 85			
4,	Do. Rev. Dr. Spencer, . . .	10 00			
	Do. Rev. J. G. Blanchard, . . .	10 00			
Nov. 22,	Do. Rev. Jona. Judd, . . .	7 83			
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NOAH RIDGELY, *Treas.*

BALTIMORE, *May 28*, 1833.

The foregoing report of the Committee on Accounts was accepted.
The Parochial reports were presented, read, and referred to the Committee on the state of the Church.

Mr. Richard H. Owen was elected Treasurer of the Convention.

The Committee on Elections made their report, which was accepted. The names of the Lay Delegates, and of the Parishes which they represented, as reported by the Committee, will be found in the appendix.

Report of the Committee to arrange for publication the Constitution and Canons, &c.

The Committee appointed by the last Convention to arrange for publication the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and the laws of the State relating to the Church, with parts of the Journals of the several Conventions, incorporating therewith any important documents relative to said Church, respectfully report, that some progress was made by them in preparing the work thus required, but, as at the last meeting of the General Convention a new code of Canons was adopted, and, in consequence, it is supposed the Canons of this Diocese will be revised, it is deemed expedient to postpone the said work for the present.

The Committee therefore suggests the propriety of discharging them from the duty, and postponing this work until the Diocesan Canons have been revised, and as altered, adopted by this Convention.

The Committee were accordingly discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The proceedings of the Standing Committee for the past year, were read and approved.

The Convention went into an election for a Standing Committee for the ensuing year :

The Rev. Dr. Wy'att, John Johns, J. G. Blanchard, Dr. Henshaw,	} Were elected for the Western Shore.
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The Rev. Jonathan Judd, Dr. Spencer, Geo. McElhiney,	} For the Eastern Shore.
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On motion made and seconded, the following resolution was adopted :

It having been represented to this Convention, that a selection from the sermons of the late Rt. Rev. Bishop Kemp, together with a biographical sketch of the Bishop, has been published, with the view of allowing each member of this Diocese to contribute to the erection of a monument in grateful commemoration of his worth; be it therefore *Resolved*,

That this Convention approve of the design, and recommend the purchase of the volume to the members of the Church in the Diocese of Maryland.

The following resolutions were offered to the consideration of the Convention, and adopted.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this Convention refund to the Lay Delegates who attended the last General Convention, the money advanced by them on behalf of this Diocese, for printing the Journals of the General Convention.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this Convention pay to the Bishop and Delegates to the late General Convention, the amount of the expenses which they may have incurred.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to inquire into and report to this Convention at its present session, the most efficient and speedy method of improving the fiscal concerns of this Convention. Franklin Anderson, Esq. Richard Potts, Esq. and Col. Veazey were appointed said committee.

Resolved, That a committee of three clergymen, and three laymen, be appointed to revise the Canons of the Church in this Diocese, and report to the next stated Convention.

The Rev. Dr. Henshaw, Rev. Dr. Wyatt, Rev. John Johns, Alexander Magruder, Esq., Franklin Anderson, Esq., Samuel I. Donaldson, Esq. were appointed by the President, as the Committee on this last resolution.

Adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, 31st May, 1833.

The Convention met according to adjournment.

Morning prayer was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Rice.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

The following named Lay Delegates appeared, and having presented their testimonials and subscribed the declaration, took their seats: Mr. William J. Blakistone, Mr. Samuel G. Smith, Mr. Charles W. Goldsborough, Mr. Jonathan Prout.

A resolution was submitted by the Rev. Mr. Forman, as follows:

Resolved, That the Delegates to the next General Convention, stand instructed to propose a revision of the Book of Homilies, agreeably to the sense which the Church has expressed in the supplement to her 35th article. This resolution was adopted unanimously.

It was on motion *Resolved*, That the members of this Convention have witnessed with great satisfaction, the progress of the *Temperance reformation*, and that it be recommended to

all the members of the Church in this Diocese, to favor and advance the temperance cause, and to afford it the benefit of their example and influence. *Resolved*, That, in the opinion of this Convention, the traffic in ardent spirit, and the use of it as a drink by professors of religion, is a great hindrance to the progress of the temperance reformation, and ought to be relinquished.

The Committee appointed to inquire into and report the most efficient and speedy method of improving the fiscal concerns of this Convention, submit the following preamble and resolutions, which were adopted :

Whereas, some of the Parishes and Churches have declined or neglected to pay their annual quota of the expenses of the Convention for several years past, and whereas the funds have, in consequence, become greatly embarrassed, and insufficient to meet the pressing demands against the Convention—

Resolved by this Convention, That the Treasurer state an account with the several Parishes and Churches now delinquent for arrearages, and transmit the same to the respective Vestries, requesting their immediate payment of the arrearages.

Resolved, That the Rector and Vestries of the several Parishes and congregations, be earnestly requested as early as it may be found convenient by each of them, to take up a collection in the respective churches for funds to pay the debts now due from the Convention.*

It was further Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to report to the next Convention a plan for raising the funds necessary to discharge, as they occur, the unavoidable expenses of the Convention. A. C. Magruder, Esq., Samuel I. Donaldson, Esq., and Franklin Anderson, Esq. were appointed the Committee.

The Committee on Parochial contributions, made their report, which was accepted, as follows :

The committee appointed to receive the annual contributions, beg leave to state, that they have received on account of the Bishop's fund, the sum of eight hundred and seven dollars, and on account of the Convention fund, the sum of two hundred and sixty-four dollars and six cents, as appears by the detailed statement which follows, viz :

* The collections thus made, to be remitted to Mr. Richard H. Owen, Treasurer of the Convention, Baltimore.

NAMES OF PARISHES.	Conven- tion fund.	Bishop's fund.
St. Paul's Parish, Baltimore City,	\$ 6	\$100 00
St. Peter's Church, Baltimore City,	6	80 00
Christ's Church, Baltimore City,	6	60 00
St. Ann's Parish, Annapolis,	6	30 00
St. Paul's Parish, Queen Ann's County,	6	20 00
Coventry Parish, Somerset County,	6	10 00
Worcester Parish, Worcester County,	6	10 00
St. Michael's Parish, Talbot County,	6	20 00
St. Matthew's Church, formerly Addison's Chapel, Prince Georges County,		10 00
Trinity Church, Upper Marlborough,	6	10 00
St. Marks, Frederick County,	12	10 00
St. Stephen's Church, Cecil County,	6	15 00
All Saint's Church, Calvert County,	6	15 00
Rock Creek Church, District of Columbia,	6	10 00
St. James's Parish, Baltimore County,	6	10 00
All Faith's, St. Mary's County,	6	10 00
All Hallow's, Worcester County,	6	10 00
Trinity Parish, Charles County,	12	10 00
Queen Annes Parish, Prince Georges County,		30 00
St. Margaret's Parish, Anne Arundel County,	6	10 00
Prince George's Parish, Montgomery County,	6	10 00
Trinity Church, Baltimore City,	2	15 00
St. James' Parish, Anne Arundel County,	6	20 00
Miss Mercer's Seminary, West River,		10 00
William and Mary, Charles County,	6	10 00
St. Peter's, Talbot county,	17 06	
St. John's Parish, Hagerstown,	6	20 00
Trinity Church, Elkton,	5	10 00
All Saints', Frederick City,	6	30 00
Christ's Church, (Queen Caroline Parish,) Anne Arun- del County,	6	10 00
Port Tobacco Parish, Charles County,	6	10 00
Trinity Church, Washington City,	6	30 00
All Hallow's' Anne Arundel County,	12	20 00
Christ Church, Georgetown,	6	30 00
Christ Church, Washington City,	6	10 00
King and Queen's Parish, St. Marys County,		10 00
Spring Hill Parish, Somerset County,	6	
Durham Parish, Charles County,	6	6 00
Zion Church, Prince George's County,	6	10 00
St. John's Parish, Baltimore and Harford County,	6	10 00
William and Mary Parish, St. Mary's County,	6	10 00
Havre de-Grace and Specutie Parish, Harford County,	6	10 00
St. John's Church, Washington City,	6	26 00
St. Bartholomew's Parish, Montgomery County,		
Somerset Parish, Somerset County,	6	
	\$264 06	\$807 00

Making together the sum of \$1,055 06.

JOHN T. BROOKE, *Chairman.*

Paid into the hands of the Treasurer after the adjournment of the Convention.

	Convention Fund.	Bishop's Fund.
By Zion Parish, Fred'k co. for 1832, balance due, \$4 25		
" " 1833,	6 00	\$10 00
St. Peter's Parish, Montgomery co. for 1833,	6 00	10 00
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	\$16 25	\$20 00

Parishes delinquent.

St. Andrew's, *St. Marys County.*
 St. Paul's, *Washington County.*
 Christ Church, *Kent Island.*
 Chester Parish, *Kent County.*
 St. John's, *Anne Arundel County.*
 Shrewsbury, *Kent County.*
 Great Choptank, *Dorchester County.*
 All Hallows', *Dorchester County.*
 St. Luke's, *Queen Annes County.*
 St. Paul's, *Prince Georges County.*
 Stepney, *Somerset County.*
 Christ Church, *Calvert County.*

Report of the Committee on the state of the Church.

The Standing Committee acting as the Committee on the state of the Church presented their report, which was read and accepted, as follows :

The condition of our Church in this Diocese, appears at this time, to be prosperous and encouraging. The pastoral visits of the Bishop, although less extended than he desired and contemplated, have produced happy results, and added many young members to the communion of the Church. A growing attachment to her institutions, and an increase of practical piety are observable in all the Parishes, which are favored with the stated preaching of the Word. Let the Church be supplied with active, pious, and well instructed ministers, and her doctrines will commend themselves to universal approbation and acceptance. The foundation of the apostles and prophets, bound together by Jesus Christ the chief corner stone, must remain eternal and immoveable, whatever may be the fate of human and unauthorized systems. Heresy may shake the battlements; schism may open breaches in the enclosures of the Church; but the foundation standeth fast forever.

The operations of the Missionary Society have not yet been very extensive, but the prospects of the institution are now

highly flattering, and justify the most pleasing anticipations. Your Committee trust that the day is not far distant when all the waste places of our Zion shall be restored by its agency.

The Prayer Book and Homily Society has been usefully employed, but its means are extremely limited. It requires and deserves the extended patronage of Episcopalians to give it the efficiency which it was intended to exert in advancing the interests of the Church.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

St. Paul's Parish, Baltimore.

Since the last Convention very material changes have been made in the interior of St. Paul's, both for the purpose of meeting an increasing demand for pews, and also to embellish it by correcting some defects in the original construction of the building. Two of the columns formerly in the chancel, have been removed, and an arch is thrown over the choir, so as to disclose the whole of the organ, before in part concealed. The desk and pulpit are new, and the chancel is elevated and reduced in size; thirty of the pews in the western extremity are raised upon an inclined plane; the interior of the Church is painted and whitened, and eight new pews are made, the sale of which, (\$3,225,) independently of the annual rent, has defrayed three-fourths of the cost of the whole repairs.

There are three Bible classes in this congregation, one for females, consisting of about one hundred, and not composed only of the young; one for young men, and one for colored persons of both sexes. There are two Sunday Schools; and an Asylum for thirty orphans and other destitute female children, whose maintenance and education are furnished from funds, with the subscriptions of the parish.

Communicants,	-	-	-	-	-	289
Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	-	55
Burials,	-	-	-	-	-	50
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	17

Collections during the year in the Church.

Two communion collections for stated pensioners, and other indigent persons,	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$383	37
Assessed collection for the Episcopal Fund, and the balance to be appropriated to other charities,	-	-	-	-	-	-	171	28
Collection for widows and orphans of clergymen,	-	-	-	-	-	-	173	25
Monthly collections for the funds of the parish,	-	-	-	-	-	-	537	18
Total,	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$1265	08

There was also a collection for the Missionary Society, and a collection for the Prayer Book and Homily Society, amounts not known to the Rector.

W. E WYATT, *Rector.*

St. Peter's Church, Baltimore.

Baptisms,	{ Adults,	- - - - -	4
	{ Children,	- - - - -	57—61
Communicants,	{ Added,	- - - - -	28
	{ Died, removed, and withdrawn,	- - - - -	31
	{ Present number,	- - - - -	376
Confirmed the 2d December last,			48
Funerals,			23
Marriages,			12
Male Sunday Schools—No. 1,	{ Teachers,	. . . . .	20
	{ Scholars,	. . . . .	160
No. 2,	{ Teachers,	. . . . .	9
	{ Scholars,	. . . . .	49
Female Sunday School,	{ Teachers,	. . . . .	30
	{ Scholars,	. . . . .	220
RECAPITULATION,	{ Teachers,	. . . . .	59
	{ Scholars,	. . . . .	429

J. P. K. HENSHAW, Rector.

Christ's Church, Baltimore.

Communicants. The number reported at the last Convention amounted to 154; since which, 15 have been removed by death and change of residence, and 43 have been added, making the number at present, 182

Baptisms,	{ Adults,	- - - - -	4
	{ Children,	- - - - -	40—44
Marriages,			14
Sunday Schools—Teachers—	{ Female,	- - - - -	25
	{ Male,	- - - - -	12—37
Scholars,	{ Female,	- - - - -	200
	{ Male,	- - - - -	90—290

In consequence of the increase of the School, enlarged accommodations were required, and the Vestry are now fitting up another spacious room for this purpose, in the remaining portion of the basement story of the Church.

The stated services of the Church and the weekly exercises of the Lecture Room and Bible Class, continue to be well attended, and furnish encouragement to hope and pray that what has been already gathered may prove to be but the first fruits of an abundant harvest.

J. JOHNS, Rector.

Trinity Church, Baltimore.

Baptisms,	{ Adult,	- - - - -	7
	{ Children,	- - - - -	68—75
Marriages,	{ White,	- - - - -	45
	{ Colored,	- - - - -	6—51
Funerals,			73

Fifteen of which were of malignant Cholera—one only belonging to the Church.

The Sunday School is in a prosperous condition, and is in connexion with the General Sunday School Union of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

There have been added to the communion since last Convention, 22, but 9 others have died, and 10 removed or withdrawn, leaving an addition but of 16 since last report.

The Bishop confirmed at his visitation 49, all whites.

The Church is the next week to commence undergoing extensive repairs, in part from the proceeds of a Fair recently held by the Ladies of the congregation.

J. V. BARTOW, *Rector.*

Christ Church, Elkridge.

There has been no material change in the apparent condition of this Parish since the last report. The number of communicants has been augmented in a slight degree; some alterations have recently been made in the interior of the church edifice, tending to improve its appearance and increase its comfort.

Communicants, added 3,	-	-	-	-	-	-	14
Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	-	-	13
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	3

THOS. BILLOPP, *Rector.*

The Rector of St. John's Church, Washington City, reports, that the temporal and spiritual concerns of his congregation continue much the same as is set forth in his last annual report.

With respect to the former, it is gratifying to him to state, that the recent efforts of the Vestry to extricate the Church from its pecuniary embarrassments have been attended with promising success, and should the measures that have been adopted be persevered in, there is little doubt but that in a few years the Church will be entirely relieved of its debt.

In regard to its spiritual concerns, the Rector is encouraged to hope that the Lord is pleased to look favorably on the people of his charge. While it has pleased him to remove from the Church militant to the Church triumphant, during the past ecclesiastical year, a much larger number of them than heretofore, and among them some of the most valuable of its members, yet others have been brought into the fold of Christ, of whom it is to be hoped that they will put forth their best efforts to supply the places of those who have been taken away.

The early morning services of the Church at 8 o'clock, have been resumed, and are well attended. The recent visitation of the Bishop of the Diocese, the Rector trusts, has been attended with the divine blessing—23 were confirmed. Some new members have been added to the communion, but those that have been taken away leaves the number about the same as last year.

Communicants,	-	-	-	-	-	90
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	25
Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	-	41
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	21

WM. HAWLEY, *Rector.*

Trinity Church, Washington City, D. C.

Baptisms,	- - - - -	38
Confirmed,	- - - - -	20
Communicants, Reported from Parochial Record, May, 1832,	115	
Added during the past year,	- - - - -	42
Deceased and removed,	- - - - -	11
Present number,	- - - - -	146
Marriages,	- - - - -	7
Burials,	- - - - -	29
Ladies' Weekly Bible Class, &c.	- - - - -	48
Junior Bible Class of girls,	- - - - -	16
Baptized children of the Monthly Catechetical Classes and lecture,	78	
Sunday School from	- - - - - 150 to 190	
Number of families of the Parish,	- - - - -	104

The above abstract from the Parochial Records of Trinity Church, during the year ending May 28, 1832, is made with a grateful recognition of the continued blessing of Him "without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy."

CHAUNCEY COLTON, Rector.

Christ Church, Washington Parish, Washington City.

The Rector of this Parish reports no material change in the state of his congregation. His hopes are sustained, and he is encouraged to renewed efforts by frequent additions to his Church of such, as he trusts, will be saved.

The Female Benevolent Society which contemplates both the Missionary and Education cause, has been recently revived from a languishing state to a condition of increased activity and improved prospects.

A Missionary Society auxiliary to the General Missionary Society of the Church, has just been established in the congregation.

Our Sunday School, under its very efficient administration and devoted teachers, is highly flourishing, and the weekly Lectures well attended.

At a late visitation of our Bishop a good impression was made on the minds of the people by his faithful instructions, and twenty-one persons were admitted to the holy rite of confirmation.

There have been added to the communion since the last Convention, as follows :

Communicants,	- - - - -	22
Removed,	- - - - -	4
Died,	- - - - -	7
Increase,	- - - - -	11
Present number about,	- - - - -	150
Confirmed,	- - - - -	21
Marriages,	- - - - -	4
Baptisms,	- - - - -	45
Funerals,	- - - - -	22

F. W. HATCH, Rector.

Christ Church, Georgetown, D. C.

Communicants added during the past year,	- - - - -	14
Baptisms,	- - - - -	18
Funerals,	- - - - -	17
Marriages,	- - - - -	7

The Rector is happy to state that the congregation have, during the past year, purchased a lot and erected a commodious and comfortable Lecture and Sunday School Room which has cost upwards of thirteen hundred dollars.

JOHN T. BROOKE, *Rector*.

Rock Creek Parish.

In presenting his annual report, in taking a retrospect of the past year, and recalling the loving kindness of the Lord, the Rector of Rock Creek Parish is constrained to exclaim, "what hath God wrought." A season of refreshing from the presence of the Lord has been enjoyed, resulting in the addition of some hopeful converts from among the old and the young to the communion of the church.

A Bible Class and Lecture of 40 persons, exciting much attention, has been well attended, and promises to be a means of much usefulness and instruction to its members.

The Sunday School continues small, in consequence of the fewness of children.

The prayer meeting from house to house, the monthly concert for prayer, a meeting for prayer among the males, and another among the females, have been sources of no small gratification to the Rector.

The Temperance cause has progressed, five males and fourteen females having been added to the list, making the present number 14 males, and 24 females.

The catechising of children has been performed on every alternate Sunday in the Church, before the congregation, immediately preceding divine service.

A Confirmation was held on the 9th of May, by Bishop Stone, when 44 persons received that holy and scriptural rite. It was a season of much interest.

There has been preaching on every Sunday morning at the Church; a meeting for religious exercises at the Lecture Room in the evening; also preaching on every alternate Sunday afternoon at a meeting house 5 miles from the Church; besides occasional meetings in the evening in different parts of the Parish. An increasing attention is paid to the excellent and spiritual services of the Church, which are engaged in with much devotion. Families last reported were about 17; they may now be reckoned 24.

Communicants,	Last reported,		-	-	-	-	-	35
	Added,	On profession,	-	-	-	-	-	28
		From other churches,	-	-	-	-	-	5—33
	Removed,		-	-	-	-	-	8
		Present number,	-	-	-	-	-	60
Marriages,	White,	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
	Colored,	-	-	-	-	-	-	3— 6
Baptisms,	Adults,		-	-	-	-	-	3
	Children,	White,	-	-	-	-	-	10
		Colored,	-	-	-	-	-	5—18
Funerals,	White,	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
	Colored,	-	-	-	-	-	-	6—18

C. WILTBERGER, *Rector*.

St. Anne's Parish, Annapolis.

Communicants,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	74
Died and removed during the past year,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14
Confirmed,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	29

JOHN G. BLANCHARD, *Rector.*

Church at South River.

The Church edifice in this Parish, which, for many years, has been in a dilapidated state, is about to be thoroughly repaired, and the whole of the interior is to be conveniently and tastefully arranged. Between six and seven hundred dollars are to be expended for this purpose, by which the accommodations for worshippers will be much enlarged and improved. A Society of eighty Ladies has also been organized to raise funds, by contributions of articles of female industry and skill, to be expended for purposes of parochial charity, and in aid of the Missionary cause. The sum of two hundred dollars has already been collected.

This Parish has had the stated services of Mr. L. B. WRIGHT, since last autumn, officiating as a lay-reader, with occasional ministrations by the subscriber, whose connexion with St. John's College, precludes him from taking the Rectorship of a Church. At the late visitation by our beloved Bishop, seven persons were admitted to the apostolic rite of Confirmation. An unusual interest appears to be generally felt in this Parish, for the prosperity of our Zion, and it is our earnest prayer that the Lord will graciously bless the ministrations of His Word, by adding many to His Church, of such as shall be saved.

HECTOR HUMPHREYS,
President of St. John's College.

Annapolis, May 24, 1833.

All Saints' Parish.

The Rector reports to the Bishop, that since the last Convention, the spiritual concerns of this Parish have considerably improved. A divine influence has attended the administration of the word and sacraments, and he is encouraged in the hope that his labors have been blessed to the good of many of his people.

Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Confirmations,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
Communicants,	{ Added,								19
	{ Died and removed,								2
	{ Present number,								62

WILLIAM F. CHESLEY, *Rector.*

Tracey's Landing, A. A. Co. May 28, 1833.

St. James' Parish, West River, Anne Arundel County.

The Rector reports to the Bishop, that a pleasing state of things prevails in this Parish. The Church is well attended. A few have been brought

to the knowledge of the truth during the past year, while the piety of others has evidently been augmented. There seems to be an increasing attachment to our excellent Liturgy.

Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Confirmations,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17
Communicants,	{ Added,									13
	{ Present number,									84

WM. F. CHESLEY, *Rector.*

Tracy's Landing, A. A. Co. May 28, 1833.

Miss Mercer's Seminary.

In this highly interesting School, divine service is performed by the undersigned, every alternate Sabbath afternoon. Among his interesting charge an unusual attention to religion has prevailed for several months. A few have indulged a hope of salvation, and others are still "inquiring the way to Zion." Five were confirmed by the Bishop at his recent visitation, three of whom have been since added to the communion in St. James' Church. The undersigned deems it his duty to add his testimony to the judicious management and strict attention of the excellent Lady at the head of this institution, to the religious education of her pupils. Indeed the harmony and affection which appear universally to prevail amongst them, present the pleasing aspect of a well regulated and happy family.

WM. F. CHESLEY, *Chaplain.*

Zion and St. Matthew's Churches, Prince Georges County.

	Zion.	St. Matthew's.	Total.
Communicants at last report,	28	27	55
Removed by death or otherwise,	2	2	4
Added by removal,	1	2	3
New Communicants,	6	7	13
Present number,	33	34	67
Recently confirmed,	10	10	20
Baptisms,	19	30	49
Marriages,	3	6	9
Funerals,	6	10	16

To the above expose of the state of the Churches under his charge, the Rector would add, that there are two small Sunday Schools in connexion with one of them, and, that the place of worship long known as Addison's Chapel, was, at the late visitation by the Bishop, consecrated under the name of St. Matthew's Church. In regard to the spiritual interests of his flock, he regrets to have further to say that the prospect is not so encouraging as it has been. It is his humble, but fervent prayer, that the existing coldness and indifference on the most momentous subject that can occupy the mind may give rise in himself and in his people to "great searchings of heart."

WM. A. SMALLWOOD, *Rector.*

Bladensburg, May 28, 1833.

Trinity Church, Upper Marlborough, Prince Georges Co.

Communicants last reported,	-	47	white,	7	colored,	54
Since dead or removed,	-	4	"	0	"	4
Since added,	-	10	"	5	"	15
Present number,	-	53	"	12	"	65
Baptisms,	-	23	"	32	"	55
Confirmed,	-	18	"	11	"	29
Marriages,	-	11	"	3	"	14
Funerals,	-	11	"	5	"	16

The Rector of this Church reports that the state of his congregation continues in some degree encouraging. The services of the sanctuary are, in general, well attended, and though too many hear the gospel tidings with indifference, a few he trusts have received them to the salvation of their souls. The repairs on the Church, contemplated at the time of the last report, have been completed, and above 300 dollars expended in new flooring the old part of the church, in erecting new pews, a new pulpit and chancel, and in other improvements. A Library of about 70 volumes, has been provided for the Sunday School, which at present contains 44 scholars, with 6 teachers. For some time past, the Church has been open for religious exercises on Wednesday evenings. On every second Sunday afternoon a service is also held for the colored people, which, from the good attendance it receives, it is hoped will prove a blessing to that much neglected portion of the human family.

JOHN SWAN, Rector.

Upper Marlborough, May 28, 1833.

Queen Anne Parish, Prince Georges County, Md.

The Rector reports that no material change has taken place in his Parish during the last year.

The clerical services performed are as follows :

Baptisms,	{	Whites, including two adults,	-	-	28
	{	Colored,	-	-	104
Marriages,	{	Whites,	-	-	15
	{	Colored,	-	-	3
Funerals,	{	Whites,	-	-	12
	{	Colored,	-	-	4
Communicants,	{	Died,	-	-	2
	{	Added,	-	-	1
	{	Present number about	-	-	60
Persons confirmed by Bishop Stone,	-	-	-	-	10

GEO. L. MACKENHEIMER, Rector.

Parsonage, May 28, 1833.

Durham Parish, Charles County.

In the spiritual concerns of my Parish I am unable to report any material change since my last report. The Church is generally well attended, and better the past than the preceding year, though the additions to the communion have been less. During the past year several of the most ex-

cellent of my flock have been removed by death from [the church militant, to, I trust, the church triumphant, and, among that number, I have to record the much lamented death of one of my most esteemed and active Vestrymen, whose premature death will not only be long felt by his bereaved parent, but by the Parishioners generally.

The Church edifice has undergone some repairs and improvements, and is now in a very neat and comfortable condition.

Communicants added	4	died	7	removed	2	present number including	
colored members,	-	-	-	-	-	-	60
Baptisms,	{	White,	.	.	.	.	20
		Black,	.	.	.	.	49
Funerals,	{	White,	.	.	.	.	31
		Black,	.	.	.	.	3
Marriages,	.	.	.	.	.	.	10

ROBERT PROUT, *Rector.*

Nanjemoy, Charles county, May, 1833.

The Rector of St. Paul's Parish, Prince Georges County, reports, that he entered upon his care on the 16th day of March, 1832, and that he had, up to the time of the session of the last Convention, baptised 11 white and 12 colored children ; had buried 4 white and 3 colored persons, and, in one instance, had solemnized the rite of matrimony.

Since the session of the last Convention, he has performed 70 baptisms, 31 white infants, 39 colored infants—has married 3 white, and 2 colored couples, and has buried 18 white and 21 colored persons. The number of communicants not accurately known, but supposed to be 70.

All which is respectfully submitted by the Rector,

HENRY B. GOODWIN.

Since my last report I have baptized—

In the Parish Church,	{	White children,	.	.	.	.	13
		Received white adults,	.	.	.	.	3
		Colored children,	.	.	.	.	27
In the Chapel,	{	White children,	.	.	.	.	18
		Colored do.	.	.	.	.	46
In All Faith Parish, St. Marys county,		Colored children,					3
In King and Queen Parish, do.	{	White child,	.	.	.	.	1
		Colored children,	.	.	.	.	3
In St. Paul's Parish, Prince Georges county,		white child,					1—115
Candidates prepared for Confirmation,			.	.	.	.	55
Dispensed the holy Communion in private to	{	White,	.	.	.	.	12
		Colored,	.	.	.	.	1
In All Faith Parish, St. Mary's county, to white,			.	.	.	.	1
In King and Queen Parish, do.	{	White,	.	.	.	.	2
		Colored,	.	.	.	.	1— 17
I have married—In the Parish Church,	{	White couples,					10
		Colored do.					3
In Port Tobacco Parish,		white couple,	.	.	.	.	1
In King and Queen Parish,	{	White,	.	.	.	.	1
		Colored,	.	.	.	.	2

I have buried—In the Parish Church,	{ White,	23
	{ Do. children,	7
	{ Colored,	12
In St. Paul's Parish, P. G. Co.	{ White,	1
	{ Do. child.	1
In All Faith Parish,	{ White, adults,	4
	{ Do. children,	2
	{ Colored,	2
In King and Queen Parish,	{ White adults,	3
	{ Do. child,	1— 56
Number of communicants last reported,		135
Removed,	{ To Christ's Church, Georgetown, D. C.	2
	{ To All Faith Parish,	2
Died, 3 white and 1 colored,		4
Added 41 white and 2 colored persons,		43
Received one from All Faith Parish,		1
Present number,		— 171

Unusual health prevailed throughout the past year. Not a single case of the cholera occurred within the Parish bounds. The Temperance cause is advancing among my parishioners. A flourishing Sunday School was conducted last summer in our Chapel. It was necessarily discontinued through the winter; and, owing to diseases prevalent among the scholars, they have not yet been collected.

The interior of the Parish Church has undergone material alterations. A new floor has been laid in it—single pews have been set up, and the pulpit removed from the north side to the east, and where a recess has been built. The sale of the pews has furnished funds amply sufficient to complete the additional repairs contemplated.

Funds are being provided to aid the Bible Society of Washington City.

FRANCIS H. LAIRD,
Rector of Trinity Parish, Charles Co.

William and Mary Parish, Charles County.

Communicants,	81
Added during the last year,	16
Marriages,	8
Baptisms,	26
Deaths,	9

A Sunday School, with its Branch, includes sixty-five scholars and fourteen teachers.

The cause of Temperance has been successfully furthered in the Parish.

The Rector acknowledges, with humble thankfulness to God, the general prevalence of religious sensibility among his parishioners during the time which it has been his privilege and his pleasure to be with them.

FITCH W. TAYLOR, *Rector.*

Worcester Parish, Worcester County.

This Parish had been vacant for more than a year, and the signs of decay necessarily attendant upon such a condition were very obvious when the present Rector was appointed to take charge of it in December last. Since that time it has somewhat recovered, and holds out the prospect of increasing prosperity.

Communicants,	48
Added,	11—59
Baptisms,	9

JNO. WILEY, *Rector.*

All Hallows' Parish, Worcester County.

This Parish being connected with Worcester in the support of a minister, had also experienced considerable injury from the want of the stated services of our Church, when its present Rector entered upon the discharge of his office. The regular and devout attendance of a large congregation promises an approaching harvest.

Communicants,	53
Added,	12—65
Baptisms,	2
Marriage,	1

JOHN WILEY, *Rector.*

St. James' Parish, Baltimore County.

This Parish became vacant in December last by the removal of its late Rector to the Eastern Shore, and continues to be so. At the request of the Vestry I mention that they can raise the sum of 450 or 500 dollars in the congregation, and that they have the power of appointing the Principal of the Academy in the Parish, which has (besides the salary arising from tuition) a donation from the State of 260 dollars.

Baptisms,	{ White,	5
	{ Black,	14
Communicants,		31
Added,		4—35

JNO. WILEY, *late Rector.*

Somerset Parish, Somerset County.

Communicants,	65
Baptisms,	12
Marriages,	9
Funerals,	3

Coventry Parish, Somerset County.

Communicants,	40
Baptisms,	6
Marriages,	2
Funerals,	3

GEORGE McELHINEY, *Rector.*

St. Michael's Parish, Talbot County.

Baptisms,	16
Marriages,	6
Deaths,	5
Communicants,	26

JOSEPH SPENCER, *Rector.*

St. Stephen's Parish, Cecil County, Md.

While the Rector of this Parish sees cause for deep humiliation that his labors have not been more successful, he records with gratitude to the Giver of all good, that the means of grace have not been administered in vain. Though he still has difficulties to contend with, at no period since his entrance into the ministry has he felt so much encouraged to persevere in the faithful discharge of the duties of his office as at the present. During the past year the congregation has increased in numbers, and we can add, on the most unquestionable evidence, in *true piety*. The people attend the public services of the Church with regularity, and there is generally manifested in that holy place an encouraging attention, and sometimes a deep solemnity.

Of the efforts which have been made for arousing the attention of the ungodly, and extending the knowledge of the great truths of revelation, we cannot forbear noticing those of "the Female Tract Society," instituted since the last Convention. Well selected tracts, regularly distributed under the direction of the Rector, have produced the most beneficial results, and to an extent which the most zealous promoters of the plan could not have anticipated. Among other good effects, they have in some instances weakened, if not removed, the prejudices against the Church which originated in ignorance of her real character, and imparted strength to the attachment of her members, by showing that her doctrines are scriptural, and her institutions primitive and divine.

On Easter-Monday, the ladies of the congregation formed a Society which they denominated "The Female Benevolent Association of St. Stephen's Parish." Its design is to extend pecuniary aid to our charitable institutions by funds to be derived from the work of their own hands.

Baptisms,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
Funerals,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
Communicants,	{	Added,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8
	{	Present number,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	21

JAMES A. McKENNEY, *Rector*.

The Rector of St. Stephen's has baptized 14 children, and received into the church one child that had been baptized in private—attended 11 funerals, and celebrated 1 marriage in the vacant Parish of King and Queen, St. Mary's county, Md.

St. George's and Havre de Grace Parish, Harford County.

The former of these Parishes has converted its ancient and much dilapidated house of worship into a neat and well finished structure, which stands as a monument of the pious and persevering zeal of the ladies of the Parish.

The Havre de Grace Parish has been severely afflicted during the period of the present incumbent's ministrations. Several who were among the most influential members of the Church, have been removed by death; and in July last, the Church edifice which had been completed but within the previous year, was, through God's mysterious dispensation, destroyed by lightning. A proper spirit, however, has been displayed by the parishioners; and through their own praise-worthy efforts, seconded by the kind assistance of our brethren of other Parishes, with the divine blessing, our temple has arisen again, and is advancing towards its complete restoration.

The spiritual condition of these Parishes is indeed low, but we are not without good hope of a better state of things. The number of communicants, though small, is believed about to be increased. A very respectable number of young persons are now awaiting confirmation.

In Havre de Grace there is a well conducted and flourishing Sunday School, consisting of upwards of a hundred scholars. There have been within the past year seven baptisms, two of which were adults—and five marriages, and three funerals.

ED. Y. HIGBEE, *Rector.*

The Rector of St. John's Parish, Baltimore and Harford counties, has to report, that having been providentially prevented attending the last Convention, no statement of his parochial duties for the preceding year was made, and that he has now to report for the two last years. During that time, no material change has taken place in the Parish, except the sale of the glebe, which, in consequence of its not having a suitable house on it, and being in a sickly situation, was not a desirable residence for the minister; and although it was disposed of low, it was considered by the Vestry an advantageous sale, as it was continually declining in value by being tenanted out. The condition of the two congregations remains pretty much the same, except, perhaps, a small increase and improvement in one of them. The Rector has been greatly cheered, however, by the success of his labors in one corner of the Parish which was almost destitute of the ministrations of the gospel, and where he has succeeded in raising a large and flourishing congregation. He commenced preaching about two years past in a private house, which, although large and commodious, was soon filled to overflowing, and a pulpit and seats are now prepared in the woods, where he preaches to a large and attentive audience on every other Lord's day afternoon. This would be a most desirable situation for a Church, and could the people who are unable of themselves, be aided by some of their more favored brethren, no doubt a temple might easily be erected to the glory of God, and the advancement of his holy religion. The baptisms for the year preceding, up to the Convention of 1832, were 15. The marriages for the same period were 5—the funerals 2—and the communicants at the time of the Convention were 80.

Baptisms for the last year,	13
Marriages,	5
Funerals,	11
Present number of communicants,	84

JOHN R. KEECH, *Rector.*

May 28th, 1833.

The Rector of Prince George's and St. Bartholomew's Parishes, Montgomery county, reports:—

In Prince George's Parish—Baptisms,	7
Marriages,	4
Funerals,	6
Present number of communicants,	57
In St. Bartholomew's Parish—Baptisms,	7
Marriages,	3
Funerals,	5
Present number of communicants,	46

Since the last report considerable repairs have been made upon the churches in these Parishes, and a neat and comfortable Parsonage has been erected in the village of Rockville.

The preaching of the gospel is well attended, and an increased attention to the subject of religion has manifested itself during the past year, affording ground to hope, that the Great Head of the Church has been pleased to bless the labors of his servant.

L. I. GILLISS, *Rector.*

St. Mark's Parish, Frederick county.

The Rector of this Parish reports, that there have been during the past year—

Baptisms,	9
Funerals,	11
Marriages,	17
Communicants last year,	62
Removed by death and otherwise,	3
Communicants added during the last year,	15
Leaving at this time,	74

JARED RICE, Rector.

All Saints, Frederick county.

Baptisms,	{ White,	7
	{ Colored,	3
Marriages,		3
Funerals,	{ Adults,	5
	{ Children,	9
Communicants,	{ Removed,	4
	{ Died,	5
	{ Added,	10
	{ Present number, { White,	86
	{ Colored,	35—121
Sunday School Children,		140

I have further to report that the Vestry have purchased a lot and commenced the erection of a Parsonage House, and have thus been enabled to carry into effect the benevolent intentions of the late Dr. William Potts, from whom the Parish has received for this purpose, a legacy amounting to \$2400. Suitable apartments have been provided for the Sunday School and weekly Lectures.

HENRY V. D. JOHNS, Rector.

HAGERSTOWN, May 27, 1833.

Rt. Rev. and Dear Sir:

Being prevented by unavoidable circumstances from attending the ensuing Convention, I beg leave to report to you by letter, the state of the Parish under my charge. Since the last Convention we have suffered severely by deaths and removals, though our Parish, on the whole, still wears the aspect of promise. I have continued to officiate regularly at all the places mentioned in my last report, and in addition, to a congregatoin recently formed in Funkstown. At all my appointments the attendance is good, and the prospects encouraging. My *notitia* parochials furnish the following:—

Baptisms,	18
Funerals,	22
Marriages,	8
Communicants,	96
Sunday Scholars, about	100

ROBERT B. DRANE,

Rector, St. John's Parish, Hagerstown.

Rt. Rev. Bishop STONE.

Resolved, That the sum of fifty dollars be paid to the Secretary for his services during the present session of the Convention.

Resolved, That the sum of ten dollars be paid to the Sexton of St. Paul's Church, for his services on the present occasion.

No further business being brought before the Convention, the session was closed by singing a hymn, followed by prayer and benediction by the Bishop, when the House adjourned *sine die*.

WM. M. STONE, *President*.

RICHARD M. HALL, *Secretary*.

APPENDIX.

Rev. and Dear Sir,

At the meeting of the Convention in 1832, I reported that I had THEN received from several clergymen, collections made in their churches, for the benefit of the corporation, for the relief of the widows and children of deceased clergy, *and* for the relief of *disabled* ministers, this sum

	\$78 12
Soon after the above report was made I received from	
the Rev. Mr. Wiley of Long Green Parish,	10 00
From Doctor Wyatt for collections made in St. Paul's,	114 93
From the Rev. Mr. Johns of Christ's Church,	24 00

Total sum collected,	\$227 05
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One half of this sum I have put into the Treasury for the relief of widows and orphans, say	113 53
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The other half I have placed in the Union Bank of Maryland, in my name, on trust,—subject to 5 per cent. per annum, as per Certificate herewith,	113 53
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	\$227 05
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PETER HOFFMAN.

May 13, 1833.

Missionary Society.

The executive committee soon after their election proceeded to the appointment of agents to visit the different parts of the Diocese to form auxiliaries, and solicit contributions to

the funds of the society:—some of the agents entered upon the work and have partially performed the duties assigned to them. From others no reports have been received. The whole amount of funds paid into the hands of the Treasurer is \$850. The funds received have not as yet been sufficient to justify the appointment of missionaries, but it is hoped that by the active exertions of the friends of the cause, a sufficient sum will be raised before the close of this year, to justify such appointment for some of the more destitute portions of the Diocese. Out of the money collected in that portion of the Diocese within the District of Columbia, an appropriation was made of \$150, to the Vestry of Rock-creek Parish, to aid in the support of their Rector.

The following report was received after the adjournment of the Convention.

The agent of the Convention to solicit contributions to the permanent fund for the support of the Episcopate, would respectfully state to the Convention, that as he has not yet completed the business of his agency, and the collection of the subscriptions which he has received during the recess of the Convention, he would ask its indulgence until the meeting of the next Convention to make a full and final report of his agency. He hopes by that time, to be able to raise something considerable in behalf of the Episcopal fund of the Diocese.

As a missionary by the appointment of the Bishop, he has, besides performing other duties, preached 25 times in some parishes entirely deprived of the ministry of our church, and in others but partially supplied—he has administered the communion three times, baptized five children, and attended five funerals.

The services of a missionary are greatly needed in Washington county and parts adjacent.

JOHN CLAXTON.

SUMMARY OF THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Churches.	Where situated.	Ministers.	Baptisms.		Con- firm- ed.	Communicants.			Sabbath School Teach- ers.	Sabbath School Schol- ars.
			Infants	Adults		Died or re- moved.	Ad- mitted.	Pre- sent No.		
St. Paul's,	Baltimore,	W. E. Wyatt, D. D.	55		48	31	28	289	50	
St. Peter's,	Ditto	J. P. K. Henshaw, D.D.	57	4		15	43	376	23	499
Christ,	Ditto	John Johns,	40	4		19	32	182	37	290
Trinity,	Ditto	J. V. Bartow,	68	7			3	145	73	
Christ,	Elk Ridge,	Thomas Billopp,	13		23			14	3	
St. John's,	Washington City	William Hawley,	41		20	11	42	90	21	
Trinity,	Ditto	Chauncey Colton,	38		21	11	32	146	29	170
Christ,	Ditto	F. W. Hatch,	45		21		14	150	22	
Christ,	Georgetown, D. C.	John T. Brooke,	18		44	8	33	60	17	
Rock Creek,	District of Columbia,	C. Willberger,	15	3	29	10		74	18	
St. Anne's,	Annapolis,	J. C. Blanchard,	19		7				14	
Church at South Ri- ver,	Anne Arundel Co. }	Occasional services by								
All Saint's,	Calvert County,	Rev. H. Humphreys,	9		10	2	19	62	6	
St. James,	West River,	William F. Chesley,	10		17	2	13	84	2	
Zion,	Prince George's Co.	Ditto	19		10	2	7	33	6	
St. Matthews,	Ditto	W. A. Smallwood,	30		10	2	9	34	10	
Trinity,	Upper Marlborough,	Ditto	55		29	4	15	63	16	44
Queen Ann Parish,	Prince George's Co.	John Swan,	130	2	10	2	1	60	15	
Durham, do	Charles County,	G. L. Mackenheimer,	69			9	4	60	34	
St. Paul's, do	Prince George's do	Robert Prout,	70					70	39	
Trinity, do	Charles do	Henry B. Goodwin,	112	3		8	44	171	56	
William & Mary, do	Ditto	F. H. L. Laird,	26				16	81	9	65
Worcester Parish,	Worcester	Fitch W. Taylor,	9				11	48		
All Hallows, do	Ditto	John Wiley,	2				12	53		
St. James, do	Baltimore	Ditto	19				4	31		
Somerset, do	Somerset	George McElhinney,	19					65	3	

Coventry,	do	Ditto	do	Ditto	6	25	327	148	405	3006	311	567	116	1338
St. Michael's,	do	Talbot	do	Joseph Spencer,	16					401	2	3		
St. Stephen's,	do	Cecil	do	J. A. McKenney,	7				8	26	6	5		
King & Queen, do	do	St. Mary's	do		15					21	1	11		
St. George's & Ha-	do		do											
vre-de-Grace, do	do	Harford	do	Edward Y. Higbee,	5	2					5	3		100
St. John's, do	do	Baltimore & Harford	do	John R. Kosch,	13					84	5	11		
Prince George's, do	do	Montgomery county,	do	Levin J. Galliss,	7					57	4	6		
St. Bartholomew's do	do	Ditto	do	Ditto	7					46	3	5		
St. Mark's, do	do	Frederick	do	Jared Rice,	9			3	15	74	17	11		
All Saint's, do	do	Ditto	do	H. V. D. Johns,	10			9	10	121	3	14		140
St. John's, do	do	Hagerstown,	do	R. B. Drane,	18					96	8	22		100
					1094	25	327	148	405	3006	311	567	116	1338

The Secretary does not profess to show by the above table, the exact state of the Church in this Diocese; but so far only as the imperfect returns from the parishes enables him to do; it is designed to append to the Journals annually published, a similar table, and that it may be rendered as perfect as possible, the Reverend Clergy are requested in their Parochial Reports to give the necessary information.

LIST OF THE CLERGY
OF THE
DIOCESE OF MARYLAND,

JUNE 1, 1833.

The Clergymen to whose names an asterisk (*) is prefixed, did not attend the meeting of the Convention.

Right Rev. Wm. M. Stone, D. D. Bishop of the Diocese,
residing in Salisbury, Somerset county.

***Rev. Mervin Allen.**

“ **Charles C. Austin,** Rector of St. Thomas' parish, Baltimore county.

“ ***Henry Aisquith,** St. Margaret's, Westminster, Anne Arundel county.

“ ***Walter D. Addison,** residing in George Town, D. C.

“ **John V. Bartow,** Trinity Church, Baltimore.

“ **Thomas Bayne,** St. Peter's parish, Easton, Talbot county.

“ **John G. Blanchard,** St. Anne's parish, Annapolis.

“ **Thomas Billopp,** Christ's Church, Queen Caroline parish, Anne Arundel county.

“ **John T. Brooks,** Christ's Church, George Town, D. C.

“ **William F. Chesley,** Rector of All Saint's parish, Calvert county, and St. James' parish, West River, Anne Arundel county.

“ **John Claxton,** residing in Baltimore.

“ **Chauncey Colton,** Trinity Church, Washington city, D. C.

“ ***William Duke,** residing in Elkton, Cecil county.

“ ***Henry L. Davis,** residing at Poplar Springs, Anne Arundel county.

“ ***R. B. Drane,** St. John's Church, Hagerstown, Washington county.

“ **John Forman.**

“ **Levin I. Gillis,** Prince George's and St. Bartholomew's parishes, Rockville, Montgomery county.

- Rev. *Henry B. Goodwin*, St. Paul's parish, Nottingham,
Prince George's county.
- " **Robert W. Goldsborough*, St. Paul's parish, Centre-
ville, Queens Ann's county.
- " *Hector Humphreys*, Principal of St. John's college,
Annapolis.
- " *J. P. K. Henshaw*, D. D. St. Peter's Church, Balti-
more.
- " *Frederick W. Hatch*, Christ's Church, Washington city,
D. C.
- " *William Hawley*, St. John's Church, Washington city,
D. C.
- " **Mathias Harris*, Christ's Church parish, Calvert
county.
- " *Edward Y. Higbee*, Havre-de-Grace parish, Harford
county.
- " **Hugh T. Harrison*, residing in Baltimore.
- " *Jonathan Judd*, Great Choptank parish, Dorchester
county.
- " *John Johns*, Christ Church, Baltimore.
- " *Henry V. D. Johns*, All Saint's parish, Frederick
county.
- " **Leonard H. Johns*, Emanuel parish, Cumberland,
Alleghany county.
- " **Norris M. Jones*, All Faith parish, Charlotte Hall, St.
Mary's county.
- " **Clement F. Jones*, Chester parish, Chester Town,
Kent county.
- " *John R. Keech*, St. John's parish, Baltimore and Har-
ford counties, residing at Belle Air, Harford county.
- " *Francis H. L. Laird*, Trinity parish, Newport, Charles
county.
- " *George McElhiney*, Somerset parish, Princess Ann,
Somerset county.
- " *R. H. B. Mitchell*, William and Mary parish, Great
Mills, St. Mary's county.
- " *James A. McKenney*, St. Stephen's parish, Sassafras
Neck, Cecil county.
- " *George L. Mackenheimer*, Queen Ann parish, Prince
George's county.
- " **Andrew T. McCormick*, residing in Washington, D. C.
- " *Robert Prout*, Durham parish, Nangemoy, Charles
county.
- " **Thomas Reid*.
- " **William H. Rees*, Trinity parish, Elkton, Cecil coun-
ty.

Rev. *J. J. Robinson, Missionary to Greece.

- “ **Jared Rice, St. Mark's parish, Petersville, Frederick county.**
- “ **William A. Smallwood, Zion Church, Bladensburg, Prince George's county.**
- “ **Joseph Spencer, D. D. St. Michael's parish, Talbot county.**
- “ **John Swan, Trinity Church, Upper Malborough.**
- “ **Purnell F. Smith, George Town, Kent county.**
- “ **Fitch W. Taylor, William and Mary parish, Allen's Fresh, Charles county.**
- “ **William E. Wyatt, D. D. St. Paul's parish, Baltimore.**
- “ ***Charles Williams, D. D. St. John's Church, Anne Arundel county.**
- “ ***Lemuel Wilmer, Port Tobacco parish, Charles county.**
- “ **John Wiley, All Hallow's and Worcester parishes, Poplar town, Worcester county.**
- “ **Christian Wiltberger, Rock Creek, District of Columbia.**

LIST OF THE LAY DELEGATES,

Who attended the Convention, and of the Parishes which they represented.

- Mr. Samuel I. Donaldson, St. Paul's parish, Baltimore.**
- Noah Ridgely, St. Peter's Church, Baltimore.**
- Franklin Anderson, Christ's Church, Baltimore.**
- Nathaniel Knight, Trinity Church, Baltimore.**
- Alexander C. Magruder, St. Anne's parish, Annapolis, Anne Arundel county.**
- Henry McPherson, St. Paul's parish, Prince George's county.**
- William Hewitt, Trinity parish, Washington city, D. C.**
- John T. Hawkins, All Faith parish, St. Mary's county.**
- Mordecai C. Jones, William and Mary parish, St. Mary's county.**
- William C. Scott, Trinity Church, Cecil county.**
- Thomas W. Veazey, St. Stephen's parish, Cecil county.**
- John Tilghman, St. Paul's parish, Queen Ann's county.**
- Charles R. Stewart, St. Margaret's Church, Westminster parish, Anne Arundel county.**
- Nathan Dickerson, Prince George's parish, Montgomery county.**
- Grafton Duvall, St. Mark's parish, Frederick county.**

Mr. John Sellman, St. James' parish, Anne Arundel county.
Thomas C. Risteau, St. James' parish, Baltimore county.
Horatio C. Scott, Trinity parish, Upper Marlborough,
 Prince George's county.
William Matthews, Trinity parish, Charles county.
Brice J. Goldsborough, Great Choptank parish, Dor-
 chester county.
Hanson Penn, St. Matthew's church, Prince George's
 county.
Thomas H. Wilkinson, All Saints' parish, Calvert co.
Edwin Forman, Worcester parish, Worcester county.
William L. Jones, Somerset parish, Somerset county.
Littleton D. Handy, All Hallows' parish, Worcester co.
Joseph N. Stockett, All Hallows' parish, Anne Arundel
 county.
Benjamin J. Dashiell, Springfield parish, Somerset co.
David G. Odell, Coventry parish, Somerset county.
David Crawford, Queen Anne's parish, Prince George's
 county.
Richard Potts, All Saints' parish, Frederick county.
Allen Thomas, Christ's Church, Queen Caroline parish,
 Anne Arundel county.
Richard Spencer, St. Michael's parish, Talbot county.
Alexander Keech, Zion Church, Prince Georges county.
Wm. J. Blakistone, King and Queen Parish, St. Mary's
 county.
Samuel G. Smith, St. George's parish, Harford county.
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 Washington.
Jonathan Prout, Washington Parish, City of Washing-
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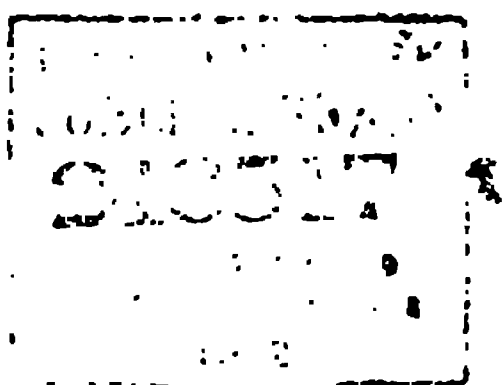
Number of the Clergy in the Diocese June 1, 1832,	54
Added, - - - - -	2
“ Non residents, - - - - -	2— 4
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	58
Removed out of the Diocese, - - - - -	3
	—
Present number, - - - - -	55
	—
Attended the Convention, - - - - -	37
Absent, - - - - -	18
	—
	55

**The next Annual Convention will be held at Easton, on
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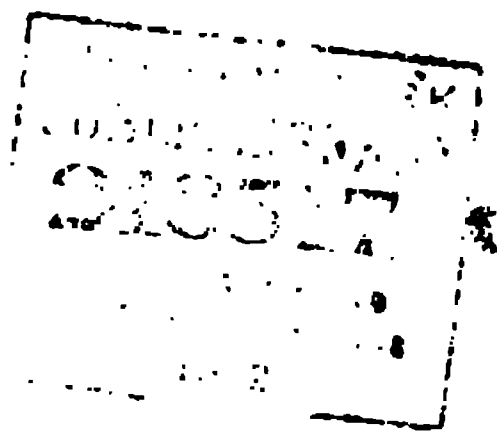
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monials, and subscribed the declaration required by the 2nd article of the constitution.

Mr. Upton Beall,	Mr. Robert W. Kent,
“ John E. Berry,	“ Thomas Loker,
“ James W. Bourke,	“ William L. Marbury,
“ John G. Chapman,	“ A. C. Magruder,
“ Nathan Dickerson,	“ Robert L. Miles,
“ Samuel I. Donaldson,	“ Robert Neilson,
“ Edwin Forman,	“ Thomas C. Risteau,
“ John Goldsborough,	“ William C. Scott,
“ Howes Goldsborough,	“ Samuel H. Stephens,
“ Robt. H. Goldsborough,	“ Allen Thomas,
“ Elisha R. Griffith,	“ Edward Tilghman,
“ Richard M. Hall.	

The President announced that a constitutional quorum was present, and that the convention was ready to proceed to business.

Mr. Richard M. Hall was re-elected Secretary.

The following committees were appointed by the President.

On the rights of Clergymen to seats in this Convention.

Rev. Dr. Henshaw, Rev. Mr. Hawley, Rev. Mr. Wiley.

On Elections of Lay Delegates.

Mr. Samuel I. Donaldson, Mr. A. C. Magruder, Mr. R. H. Goldsborough.

On Parochial Contributions.

Rev. Mr. Laird, Mr. Robert Neilson, Mr. Edwin Forman.

On Accounts.

Rev. Mr. Gillis, Mr. John Goldsborough, Dr. Thomas C. Risteau.

RULES OF ORDER.

1st. The business of every day shall be introduced with prayer.

2d. This Convention shall sit for the despatch of business, from nine o'clock, A. M., until three o'clock, P. M.

3d. Every member shall take his seat when the President takes the chair, and remain uncovered until the Convention adjourn.

4th. At the opening of each session of the Convention, as soon as the President takes the chair, the names of the clergy, who were entitled to seats at the preceding Convention, shall

be called over by the Secretary of the last Convention; or, in case of his absence, by a Secretary pro tem., to be appointed by the President. The lay delegates shall lay their certificates of appointment on the table of the Secretary, and subscribe the declaration required by the constitution. If a constitutional quorum be found present, the President shall thereupon declare the fact, and announce that the convention is organized, and ready for business. A secretary shall be elected. The following committees shall then be appointed by the chair: one of elections, to consist of three, (to whom the testimonials of the lay delegates shall be referred;) one on accounts, to consist of three; one on parochial contributions, to consist of three; and one on the rights of clergymen to seats in this convention, to consist of three clergymen.

5th. If the Bishop of the Diocese shall not be present at any meeting of the convention, at the opening of the same, the names of the clergy who were entitled to seats at the preceding convention, shall be called over by the secretary of the last convention; or, in case of his absence, by the first named member of the standing committee who may be present.

The lay delegates shall lay their certificates of appointment on the table, and subscribe the declaration required by the constitution. If a constitutional quorum be present, a President pro tempore shall be elected, agreeably to the seventh article of the constitution. A secretary shall be elected; and then the chair shall appoint the several committees mentioned in the fourth rule of order.

6th. The standing committee for the preceding year shall be the committee on the state of the church; and all parochial reports shall be referred to the said committee.

7th. Every member who shall deliver his opinion, or speak in any debate, shall stand up in his place; and with respect and decency, address himself to the President.

8th. If two or more members shall rise to speak at the same time, the President shall declare which shall speak first.

9th. No member shall speak more than twice in any debate, except with leave; nor shall any member be interrupted while he is speaking in order. And if any member shall rise to speak more than twice on the same question, without leave, the President shall call him to order.

10th. Any member called to order by the President, or by a member, shall thereupon take his seat.

11th. When the convention is sitting, no member shall speak to another, so as to interrupt any member who may be speaking in a debate.

On Sunday, the 30th, I preached in St. Stephen's parish, Cecil county, and confirmed *nineteen* persons. The next day, I again preached in the same parish, and confirmed *one* person.

On Tuesday, the 2nd July, I preached in Shrewsbury parish, Kent county, to a small congregation.

On Sunday, the 14th, I preached at Green Hill church, Stepney parish, Somerset county.

On Sunday, the 28th, I preached at Tyaskin Chapel, in the same parish.

On Sunday, the 18th August, I preached in Worcester parish, Worcester county, and confirmed *thirteen* persons, and in the afternoon I again preached in same parish.

On Friday, the 30th, I preached in St. Michael's church, St. Michael's parish, Talbot county. At this place several clerical brethren met me, and the services of the Sanctuary were continued three days.

On Saturday, the 31st, I preached in the same parish, near Miles' river ferry, and confirmed *one* person.

On Sunday, the 1st September, I again preached in the church at St. Michael's, and confirmed *five* persons.

On Monday, the 2nd, I preached in the church in Easton, St. Peter's parish, Talbot county. The clergy who accompanied me to this place, remained two days, preaching the word to large and attentive congregations.

On Sunday, the 8th, I preached in the church in Princess Anne, Somerset parish, Somerset county, and confirmed *five* persons; and in the afternoon I preached at Monei Chapel in the same parish, and confirmed *seven* persons.

On Sunday, the 15th, I preached at Salisbury, Spring Hill parish, Somerset county.

On Sunday, the 29th, I preached in Rehoboth church, Coventry parish, Somerset county.

On Sunday, the 6th October, I preached in Snow Hill, All Hallows parish, Worcester county, and confirmed *twenty-three* persons, and in the afternoon I again officiated in the same church.

On Saturday, the 19th, I preached in St. Bartholomew's parish, Montgomery county, and confirmed *nine* persons.

On Sunday, the 20th, I preached in Rockville in the same parish. As the day was rainy, and the congregation small, I made an appointment to preach on Monday, the 21st, and confirmed *eight* persons.

On Tuesday, the 22nd, I preached in St. Peter's parish, Montgomery county, and confirmed *seven* persons.

On Wednesday, the 23rd, I preached in Zion parish, Frederick county.

On Thursday, the 24th, I preached in All Saint's parish, Frederick city, and confirmed *seven* white, and *three* colored persons.

On Friday, the 25th, I preached at Cotoctin furnace, Frederick county, and consecrated a neat church by the name of *Harriot Chapel*. This church was built, and completely finished at the entire expense of Mr. JOHN BRIEN, who is owner of the establishment, and presented by him to the Protestant Episcopal Church of Maryland. The noble example of this generous individual, would always be truly worthy of imitation, but, in the present depressed state of some sections of our church, should excite the sacred emulation of others, and calls for our sincere acknowledgments. There is a Sunday School in this church, for the purpose of instructing the children of those who are constantly employed in the labor of so large an establishment.

On Friday, the 25th, I preached at candle light in All Saint's parish, Frederick city.

On Saturday, the 26th, I preached in St. Mark's parish, Frederick county.

On Sunday, the 27th, I preached in Sharpsburgh, Washington county, and confirmed *sixteen* persons. I also officiated at night, in the same church, to a crowded congregation.

On Tuesday, the 29th, I preached twice in the church in Hagerstown, and confirmed *seven* persons.

I had previously made appointments to preach at Hancock and Cumberland; but, finding it impossible to get on in consequence of crowded stages, I was obliged to return home without being able to meet them.

On Sunday, the 30th March, being Easter Sunday, I preached in Vienna, Great Choptank parish, Dorchester county.

On Sunday, the 20th April, I preached at Spring Hill church, Spring Hill parish, Somerset county.

On Sunday, the 18th May, I preached at Dividing Creek chapel, Coventry parish, Somerset, and confirmed *twelve* persons.

In the statement which I have given above of my official duties, I have not thought it necessary to include many occasions on which I have preached, when not engaged in episcopal visitations.

Clerical changes:—Rev. John Alexander Adams, has removed to the Diocese of Kentucky. Rev. Charles S. Williams, D. D., to the Diocese of New Jersey. Rev. Chauncey Colton, to the Diocese of Pennsylvania. Rev. Wm. H. Reese, to the Diocese of Pennsylvania. Rev. Frederick D.

Goodwin, from the Diocese of Virginia, has taken charge of St. Paul's parish, Prince George's county. Rev. J. Mc. G. Dale, from the Diocese of Virginia, has been appointed Rector of St. James' parish, Baltimore county. Rev. Henry H. Bean, from the Diocese of Virginia, to St. Peter's parish, Montgomery, and to Zion parish, Frederick. Rev. F. R. Hanson, from the Diocese of Virginia, to Christ church, Prince George's county. Rev. Mr. Hugh Harrison, to St. John's and Christ church, Queen Caroline parish, Anne Arundel. Rev. John Claxton, has removed from Baltimore to St. Andrew's parish, St. Mary's county. Rev. Lucian B. Wright, ordained since the last convention, to All Hallows, Anne Arundel. Rev. Mervin Allen, from St. Peter's, Montgomery, to St. Mark's, Frederick county. Rev. Thomas Billopp, has accepted the Rectorship of King and Queen, St. Mary's county. The Rev. Dr. Davis has charge of the church in Elkton, Cecil County.

Deaths.—Since our last convention, the church has been deprived of the labors of the Rev. Jared Rice, who in the prime and vigor of life, and in the midst of his usefulness, has gone to give an account of his stewardship. Let such instances of the shortness and uncertainty of human life, prove salutary warnings to each of us. Let them be perpetually sending to the heart the admonition—"be ye also ready." Following the footsteps of our Lord and Master, let us work while it is day, that with him it may be our privilege to breathe out our life in that comfortable declaration, "I have glorified thee on earth, I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do."

In pursuing the order which I proposed in the commencement of this report, I shall now briefly notice, what appears to be the state of religion in our Diocese. During my visitations, I have been a careful observer of passing events, and have also endeavored to ascertain, from the best information I could collect, what was the situation of the different parishes. Although I have seen much to lament, yet, if I should express an opinion, it would be confidently, that there is a gradual improvement in piety, zeal, and sound church principles. These are encouraging indications of the fulfilment of our Saviour's promise to his Apostles, and their successors in the ministry—"lo I am with you always even unto the end of the world."

On long the number who have come forward to confirmation have been forcibly struck, with the seriousness and

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a solemn dedication of the heart and life to the Lord. Notwithstanding the care that has been taken, to admit none to the imposition of hands, but those who were duly qualified; yet we find that the number of recipients has increased. This evidently shows, that a relaxed discipline is not necessary to advance the cause of religion in the church. Under a state of salutary discipline, with suitable religious instructions, we have every reason to hope for the future prosperity of our Zion. Unless ample knowledge is disseminated, of what constitute the distinguishing characteristics of the church, there would be danger of seeing our members "carried about with every wind of doctrine." I have indeed often been surprised in my intercourse with the world, to find so many, who are well informed on general subjects, entirely ignorant of what constitutes the broad line of demarcation between the church, and the various contending sectaries. Their preference for the ecclesiastical system which they maintain, appears to arise from the respect they have for the opinions of their fathers, or from attachment to the ministry of some favorite pastor, rather than from a discernment of the distinguishing features of the church of Christ. Where men have no fixed principle to govern them in their choice and actions, we need not be surprised, if we see them forsaking the good old paths, and wandering in the labyrinths of error.

Within the last few years, we have seen published a number of valuable tracts, upon the doctrines and government of the church, well calculated to arrest the attention of those who will not read large works; yet we find that even short tracts are not generally read. It therefore follows as a necessary preparative, that the living voice should accompany the silent messenger, if we should ever expect to see firm and decided church men, such as we can rely on amidst the storms of heresy and schism. The leaders among the religious sects of the day, are loud in defence of their peculiar tenets, and often not less clamorous in the censure cast upon ours; and shall we be careless in defending that distinguished branch of the church of Christ to which it is our happiness to belong? Every revolving year convinces me, that we lose members, who fail to discriminate between the church, the body of Christ, and those religious associations, which men find it their interest and pleasure to join; and in their ignorance, consider it a matter of no consequence, where or with whom they commune. In addressing our people, we should recollect, that many of them are babes in knowledge, and require to be instructed in the first rudiments of chris-

tianity. Although these subjects are familiar to those who have devoted much time to the study of the gospel, we must not conclude that they are equally understood by all our hearers. A free and unreserved intercourse with very many of them, will soon convince us to the contrary. How many are there, both in and out of the church, who do not know that she, in correspondence with the sacred volume, considers *three* orders in her ministry, essential to its perfect organization. This assertion may seem almost incredible, but, even a hasty observation will leave no doubt upon the subject, and will show how much is to be done, before our church can be universally loved and valued, as she deserves, for her apostolic character. The gradual inroads which there is sometimes cause to fear are made, in many sections of the Diocese, would not in all probability take place, had the people been made sensible of the inestimable advantages which they enjoy in the doctrines, worship, and ministry of the Episcopal church. Efforts are made to persuade them, that our formulary is calculated to deaden the fervors of devotion, and that the gown and surplice are relicks of Romish superstition. And until the people have learnt to love and venerate divine institutions, we must expect the mortification of seeing them wander from the fold of Christ, and become inimical to truth and genuine devotion. Let those who may have been hitherto silent upon the subject of the distinguishing characteristics of the church, resolve in future to be consistent and zealous in maintaining its interests. Heresy and schism are impatient to make their ravages among us. Let us lift up our voices in defence of truth and order, regardless of difficulties however formidable, taking as our motto the Roman axiom, "truth is great and must prevail."

A sense of duty, and a thorough conviction of their truth, have alone induced me to make the above remarks, which are dictated in the spirit of love, and in a conviction that you have at heart, the prosperity of the church, to which you are under Providence connected. Satisfied as I am, that you are zealously engaged in extending the Redeemer's kingdom, and establishing your hearers in the truths of the gospel; yet, nevertheless, I would urge you on to increased faithfulness; to unremitted efforts in building up the waste places of our Zion; to instruct those under your pastoral care in the principles and doctrines of the church, founded on the prophets and apostles, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone.

Having among them a body of men thus piously engaged to promote the virtue and happiness of mankind, should not the laity duly appreciate their privileges, and profit by their instructions? Should they not co-operate with them, and second by their most judicious and energetic efforts, whatever is calculated to strengthen the hands of the clergy, and render their ministrations effectual to the conversion of sinners? We appeal to your own consciences to decide, whether we desire too much, when we ask you to reflect upon our responsibilities, to lighten our burdens, to cheer our hopes, to sanction our undertakings, to aid our cause, and the cause of mercy to mankind, and to save the church of your fathers from reproach, from prostration, and from decay.

Brethren:—Once more permitted as we are under the kind Providence of God, to meet for the purpose of transacting the business of the Diocese, and of consulting for the future prosperity of our Zion, let us ask of God his guidance and strength. Let us with united hearts combine our exertions, having in view only the glory of God, the prosperity of the church, and the salvation of immortal souls.

The Convention adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, *May 29th*, 1834.

The Convention met according to adjournment.

Morning prayers were read by the Rev. John Johns.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

The Committee appointed to ascertain the rights of clergymen to seats in this convention, report the following as being regularly entitled to membership in it, according to the provisions of the second article of the constitution of the church in this Diocese.

J. P. K. HENSHAW, *Chairman.*

Rev. Mervin Allen,
“ Charles C. Austin,
“ Henry Aisquith,
“ Walter D. Addison,
“ John T. Brooke,
“ John V. Bartow,
“ Henry H. Bean,
“ Thomas Billopp,

Rev. John G. Blanchard,
“ William F. Chesley,
“ John Claxton,
“ James Mc. G. Dale,
“ William Duke,
“ R. B. Drane,
“ Levin I. Gilliss,
“ Henry B. Goodwin,

Rev. Frederick D. Goodwin,	Rev. Francis H. L. Laird,
“ R. W. Goldsborough,	“ George McElhiney,
“ F. R. Hanson,	“ R. H. B. Mitchell,
“ Matthias Harris,	“ James A. McKenney,
“ Edward Y. Higbee,	“ G. L. Mackenheimer,
“ Hugh T. Harrison,	“ Robert Prout,
“ H. Humphreys, D. D.	“ Thomas Reid,
“ Frederick W. Hatch,	“ Wm. A. Smallwood,
“ William Hawley,	“ Joseph Spencer, D. D.
“ J. P. K. Henshaw, D.D.	“ John Swan,
“ Jonathan Judd,	“ Fitch W. Taylor,
“ John Johns,	“ Wm. E. Wyatt, D. D.
“ Henry V. D. Johns,	“ Lemuel Wilmer,
“ Leonard H. Johns,	“ John Wiley,
“ Clement F. Jones,	“ Christian Wiltberger,
“ John R. Keech,	“ Lucian B. Wright.

The Rev. Henry L. Davis formerly of this Diocese, but who has for some time past been a resident of the Diocese of Delaware, having stated to the committee, that he never presented his dimissory letter from the late Bishop Kemp to the ecclesiastical authority of Delaware, and never connected himself with that Diocese; and furthermore, that he has recently been elected rector of Trinity parish in Elkton, Maryland, recommend that he be admitted a member of this Convention.

The foregoing report was accepted, and the recommendation of the committee agreed to; whereupon the Rev. Dr. Davis took his seat as a member of the Convention.

The Hon. John B. Eccleston and Dr. William Thomas, presented their testimonials as lay delegates, and signed the declaration as required by the constitution.

The committee on elections of lay delegates reported, that they had examined the testimonials submitted to them, and find that the gentlemen whose names follow, are entitled to seats in this Convention.

Mr. Upton Beall,	Mr. Robt. H. Goldsborough,
“ John E. Berry,	“ Elisha R. Griffith,
“ James W. Bourke,	“ Richard M. Hall,
“ John G. Chapman,	“ Robert W. Kent,
“ Nathan Dickerson,	“ Thomas Loker,
“ Samuel I. Donaldson,	“ A. C. Magruder,
Hon. John B. Eccleston,	“ Wm. L. Marbury,
Mr. Edwin Forman,	“ Robert L. Miles,
“ John Goldsborough,	“ Robert Neilson,
“ Howes Goldsborough,	Dr. Thomas C. Risteau,

Mr. William C. Scott,
“ Samuel H. Stephens,
“ Edward Tilghman,

Dr. Allen Thomas,
“ William Thomas,

This report was accepted.

It was on motion, *Resolved*, that clergymen from other Dioceses, candidates for holy orders, and students of divinity, be admitted to honorary seats in this Convention.

Resolutions in reference to Domestic Missions.

The following resolution was submitted:

Resolved, That this Convention recommend to the several parishes of the Diocese, the adoption of Bishop Doane's plan of systematic charity, and that the money thus collected, be exclusively appropriated in aid of the funds of the Domestic Missionary Society of Maryland.

The preamble and resolutions following, were offered to the consideration of the Convention.

The Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Maryland, now in session, without meaning to deny the claims of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, established by the General Convention, to the liberal support of every individual in our communion, would respectfully and earnestly urge upon the members of the church in this Diocese, the wants of the missionary society established by our Diocesan Convention. The objects of the society are, to revive the episcopal church, in parishes no longer able, without aid, to give support to a minister; and to establish episcopal congregations in the very many places in our diocese, at which zealous and pious ministers might now be employed.

The Convention implores the members of the church in this diocese to lay this subject seriously to heart, to consider in how many sections of this state, since its division into parishes, an increase of population now affords to the active missionary an opportunity of building up other episcopal congregations, which in a short time may not only be able to support a settled minister without the aid of others, but assist in an extension of the knowledge of the gospel and of the ordinances of religion to other places.

And this Convention would also urge it upon the clergy, frequently in their discourses, and especially on communion days, to exhort those under their charge, to be mindful of the claims of the destitute parts of the diocese, to aid from others; to make mention to them from time to time, of the benefits which other dioceses have derived from missionary

efforts, and of the good which in many places within our own diocese might be done, but for the want of missionary funds. And in order to obtain the funds needed to enable the missionary society of this diocese to support as many missionaries as ought to be employed therein, the Convention recommends to the clergy and vestries of the several parishes and congregations, to place in suitable situations in the church, boxes in which those who are disposed to contribute, may give, each one according to his ability, to this object. The Convention is induced to recommend this measure, from a conviction which its members would be most reluctant to abandon, that if in this way provision was made for the voluntary offerings of the congregation, while those who do not unite in the solemn religious act then about to take place, might feel it to be their duty then, more perhaps than at any other time to give liberally to this purpose, those who are about to partake, or have just partaken of the "body and blood of Christ," will then give proof of the sincerity of their profession, their faith, their repentance, and their charity, by a cheerful contribution to our missionary society, according to the ability with which each one has been blessed, whereupon,

Resolved, That it be requested of the several rectors and vestries to provide, and on every communion Sunday, fix in suitable places, in their respective places of worship, a sufficient number of boxes, in order that each communicant and other members of the congregation, may have an opportunity on such days, of contributing (as they may be willing,) to defray the expenses of assisting small parishes in this diocese, to support ministers, and to employ missionaries to visit, preach, and administer the ordinances of religion, in different sections of this diocese.

Resolved, That it be requested of the rectors of the several congregations, on all such days, to apprise their people of this arrangement for receiving their charity, and of the objects for which it is designed; and that each rector annually report to the Convention, the amount of funds thus contributed by his congregation, and also such measures as have been adopted, and the success attending them, in order to obtain in his congregation funds for the society.

The above resolutions in reference to domestic missions, were referred to a committee, consisting of the Rev. Mr. Brooke, Judge Eccleston, and Mr. Edward Tilghman, with instructions to report a plan in accordance with the views therein expressed.

The Convention adjourned to attend divine service, and the annual sermon before "the Prayer Book and Homily Society of the Diocese of Maryland." After divine service, the Convention again proceeded to business.

Report of the Committee to revise the Canons.

The committee appointed at the last Convention to revise the Canons of the church in this diocese, having carefully deliberated upon the important matter referred to them, and held several meetings in the course of the year, have at length accomplished their labors, and with entire unanimity, agreed to report the following as a code of Canons for the future government of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Maryland.

J. P. K. HENSHAW, WM. E. WYATT, JOHN JOHNS, A. C. MAGRUDER, S. I. DONALDSON, F. ANDERSON.	}	<i>Committee.</i>
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CANON I.—*Readers to be appointed in vacant parishes.*

Whereas, in consequence of the present want of clergymen, to supply all the parishes within this state, many congregations are deprived of the means of publicly worshipping God, agreeably to their conscience, by the venerable form prescribed in the liturgy of this church, and are thereby compelled to frequent the assemblies of other denominations of christians, or to neglect entirely the great duty of public worship, it is hereby required, that there shall be appointed in each vacant parish, upon the recommendation of the vestry thereof, some candidate for orders, or other layman of exemplary character for piety and morals, as a reader; who shall, under the direction of any member of the standing committee, on every Sunday and other public occasion, devoutly read the service of the liturgy, and a sermon from the works of some approved Protestant Episcopal divine. The appointment shall be made by the Bishop: Nevertheless, any member of the standing committee, may make a temporary appointment of a reader, subject to the confirmation or rejection of the Bishop.

CANON II.—*Candidates to give notice of their intention to apply for holy orders.*

Persons applying to be received as candidates for holy orders, shall give the notice and present the testimonials re-

quired by the 9th Canon of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States.

CANON III.—*Concerning Deacons delaying to apply for Priests' orders.*

It shall be the duty of the Bishop, to withdraw his license to preach from any Deacon who may have heretofore declined, or shall hereafter decline, for a longer period than three years, to take the necessary steps for procuring priests' orders; unless he may be able to assign such reasons for his delay as will be satisfactory to the Bishop.

CANON IV.—*Clergymen entitled to seats in the Convention.*

No Clergyman shall be entitled to a seat in the Convention, as having been regularly and canonically elected into a parish, unless it shall have been signified to the secretary of the convention for the time being, by the Bishop, or in the case of a vacancy, by the president of the standing committee, that he had obtained from him a certificate of his episcopal qualifications and religious character; and unless the Bishop or president shall have received from the vestry, and transmitted to the secretary, the certificate required by the 35th canon of the General Convention. And no clergyman shall have a seat in the convention, as an instructor of youth in any seminary of learning, till he shall have produced to the convention a certificate from the rector and vestry of the parish or church, in which it is, or from the vestry, if there be no rector, that he is so employed.

CANON V.—*Absentees from Convention to be noted.*

At every meeting of the Convention it shall be the duty of the secretary to report the names of such clergymen entitled to seats, as may have absented themselves from two successive conventions; and the convention shall take such order thereon as may be deemed expedient.

CANON VI.—*Concerning the title of infirm Clergymen to seats in Convention.*

No clergyman claiming a seat in the convention of this Diocese, as an infirm clergyman, shall be received as a member thereof, unless he shall produce a certificate from some respectable physician that his state of health unfits him for the active duties of the ministry, and there be evidence that his health became infirm while he was employed as minister

of a parish, as a missionary, or a professor or tutor in some incorporated seminary of learning.

CANON VII.—*Every Minister to keep a register.*

The minister of each parish, or church, shall make out and continue a register of baptisms, confirmations, communicants, marriages and funerals within his cure, in a suitable and substantial book to be provided by the vestry of his parish for that purpose; which register shall be left, upon his death or removal, for the use of his successor.

CANON VIII.—*Ministers to be careful in admitting to the Holy Communion.*

No minister shall enroll any persons as communicants of his church until he has conversed with them on the subject, or unless he shall be satisfied that they have been regular communicants in his own, or some other congregation; nor shall he so enroll any one who is known to deny the divinity or atonement of our Saviour.

CANON IX.—*Providing the elements of the Holy Communion.*

In every parish or church, the church wardens, if required by the rector, shall provide the elements of bread and wine for the holy communion.

CANON X.—*The Bishop may call special meetings of the Standing Committee.*

The Bishop shall have power to call special meetings of the standing committee at such times and places as may appear to him to be necessary or expedient.

CANON XI.—*Provision relative to discipline during a vacancy in the Episcopal office.*

In case of a vacancy in the episcopal office, the President of the Convention for the time being, shall have and exercise all the powers relating to discipline given to the Bishop by the Canons, except such as belong exclusively to the episcopal office.

CANON XII.—*Provision for defraying certain expenses.*

The vestry of each parish or church shall, at every annual convention, pay to the treasurer such sums as may be required from them respectively, by resolutions of the convention from time to time, for the purpose of paying the salary of the Bishop, the travelling expenses of the standing

committee, and of delegates to the General Convention, printing the journal, compensation to the secretary, and other incidental expenses of the Convention.

CANON XIII.—*Concerning the erection of new Parishes or Congregations.*

Separate parishes may be formed agreeably to the act of assembly of 1798, commonly called the vestry act: and separate congregations, under the clause of the act of 1802, for the incorporation of all denominations of christians, which authorises a part of a congregation to separate from the rest and prescribes the mode in which such congregation shall be organised.

LAY DISCIPLINE.

CANON XIV.—*Communicants to have family worship.*

It shall be the duty of every communicant in this church who is the head of a family, to live in the habitual exercise of family worship.

CANON XV.—*The members of this Church to instruct their families in the principles of religion.*

The members of this church shall instruct their families as far as they are able, in the principles of the christian religion; and as soon as they are sufficiently informed, and impressed with the importance and sacredness of their baptismal vow, they shall present them to the rector as candidate for confirmation, who shall examine them, and if satisfied of their fitness, recommend them to the Bishop for confirmation.

CANON XVI.—*Theatrical exhibitions, and other vain and light amusements, forbidden.*

The frequenting of theatrical exhibitions, horse races, and other vain and light amusements, being considered inconsistent with the christian character, it is hereby declared to be the duty of the members of this church carefully to abstain from encouraging them by their presence.

CANON XVII.—*Offences for which a layman may be presented and tried.*

Scandalous or immoral conduct, gaming, or any other vicious or corrupting amusement, a general neglect of public worship, breach of the Sabbath or any of the divine command

ments, are offences for which the laity may be brought to trial.

CANON XVIII.—*Manner of proceeding against a layman.*

If a lay member shall offend in any of the respects mentioned in the 17th Canon, the minister of the parish in which the offender shall reside, shall upon receiving information thereof, take cognizance of the offence; and if he shall have sufficient evidence thereof, he shall privately admonish the person. And if this shall not have the desired effect, he shall then convene the vestry and wardens, first giving the party reasonable notice, in writing, of the nature of the offence alleged, and of the time appointed for the meeting of the minister vestry and wardens, for the purpose of inquiring into it; who shall thereupon proceed to inquire into the charge; and if they shall be of opinion that it is substantiated, the minister shall pronounce such sentence as the offence may deserve; which sentence shall be either reproof before the vestry and wardens, suspension, or excommunication. But if the person accused, being duly notified, shall refuse to appear, the minister, vestry and wardens shall notwithstanding, proceed to inquiry and sentence.

In those parishes, in which there may be no minister, the senior vestrymen shall make the admonition before prescribed; and, if it shall be necessary to convene the vestry and wardens, the minister of any other parish shall be called upon to preside in the meeting; and none but a minister shall pronounce excommunication.

CANON XIX.—*Declaring the proper subjects of the discipline of this Church, and excluding from the Holy Communion and suretyship in Baptism, notorious transgressors thereof.*

The rector of each parish in this state, shall be careful not to admit any persons to the holy communion, or as sponsors in baptism, who are notorious transgressors of the discipline of this church; and the vestries of vacant parishes shall endeavor to prevent such persons from being imposed on ministers, visiting such parishes; and all professing members of this church are considered as proper subjects of its discipline.

CLERICAL DISCIPLINE.

CANON XX.—*The Standing Committee an Ecclesiastical Court for the trial of Clergymen.*

The standing committee of this church, shall constitute a tribunal for the trial of all priests and deacons against whom any charges may be exhibited. They shall be convened by the Bishop, and may adjourn from time to time, until the business before them is completed.

CANON XXI.—*Manner of proceeding against an accused Clergyman.*

Whenever the Bishop shall receive such information as he thinks entitled to notice, or shall learn from public rumor, that any clergyman is charged with being guilty of a violation of the Canons, or conducts himself in any way incompatible with the character of a minister of Christ; or, whenever a majority of the standing committee shall notify him in writing that they have received such information, (and it is hereby declared to be their duty to do so, when they shall have received that information) he shall summon a meeting of the standing committee. Notice of the time and place of meeting shall be given to the accused party, and also a copy of the charge or charges brought against him, at least thirty days before the time appointed for trial. Witnesses shall be summoned, and may be examined either *viva voce* or by depositions taken after reasonable notice of the time and place of taking the same. The party accused may call in any person to assist him in his defence, and also summon such witnesses as he may think proper, and have the benefit of depositions as above provided. The Bishop may also appoint a person to conduct the trial on the part of the church. The court may exclude all spectators, unless the party accused shall desire a public trial; in which case it shall be afforded him. If after hearing the evidence and the defence of the party accused, a majority of the quorum of the standing committee shall be of opinion that the accused is guilty of the charge or charges brought against him, or any of them, their opinion, together with the proceedings of the standing committee, shall be transmitted to the Bishop. Should he concur in opinion with the committee, he shall proceed to reprove, suspend, or degrade, as the offence may be thought by him to deserve. If the accused refuse to attend the trial, after due notice given to him, he shall be suspended for contumacy. If this contumacy shall continue

six months, he shall then be degraded from the ministry. But if he apply to the Bishop within six months, for a trial, he shall be entitled to it; and the standing committee shall be summoned, and the trial conducted in the usual form. The sentence of suspension shall be pronounced by the Bishop, and a copy of it sent to the accused and to his vestry, if he be connected with a parish or congregation; and such further publicity given to it as the Bishop shall think expedient. But the sentence of degradation shall be made known in the manner directed by the canons.

In case of a vacancy in the episcopal office at the time of the presentment of a presbyter or deacon, the standing committee, if they shall find him guilty of the charges, or any of them, shall transmit their proceedings, together with their opinion of the charge or charges against the accused, to the Bishop of some other diocese, who shall proceed to act thereon:—and if he shall concur in opinion with the committee, he shall proceed to reprove, suspend, or degrade the accused, as he may judge expedient.

If the president of the convention shall be accused, the presentment shall be made by any two members of the standing committee, and the committee shall take the steps hereby prescribed for the trial of clergymen under the direction of the Bishop to whom they shall apply.

CANON XXII.—*Manner of proceeding against a Bishop.*

If any Bishop of this church shall violate the Constitution or Canons, presentment shall be made by the convention to two or more Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States. Such Bishops shall have authority to institute a trial within the diocese of the accused party: and the sentence of the two Bishops, or of the majority of a greater number, being founded on the Canons of the Church, shall be final: except the sentence of degradation, in which case he shall be allowed the privilege of an appeal to the house of Bishops; provided he give notice of such appeal, within six months to the senior Bishop.

The foregoing Canons were read in the order in which they stand recorded, to the seventeenth Canon inclusive.

On the reading of the seventeenth canon, the following amendment was offered:—After the word “gaming,” in the first line, add—“attending theatrical exhibitions, horse races, public balls,” &c.

A motion was then made to adjourn, which motion prevailed, and the house adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, May 30, 1834.

The Convention met, pursuant to adjournment.

After the morning service, the minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

A letter was received from the agent of the Maryland Bible Society, which was read and referred to a committee consisting of the Rev. John Johns and the Rev. Mr. Hawley.

The report of the committee to revise the Canons was then taken up, when the following motion was submitted and agreed to, namely—"To postpone the whole matter now before the Convention, touching the report of the committee on the Canons; to have the whole published and circulated throughout the various parishes in this diocese, for the consideration of the members of this Church."

Election of Standing Committee.—An election for a Standing Committee for the ensuing year then took place, and resulted unanimously in favor of the following clergymen :

The Rev. Dr. WYATT, JOHN JOHNS, J. G. BLANCHARD, Dr. HENSHAW,	}	<i>For the Western Shore.</i>
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The Rev. JONATHAN JUDD, Dr. SPENCER, GEORGE McELHINEY,	}	<i>For the Eastern Shore.</i>
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The committee on parochial contributions made the following report, which was accepted :

The committee appointed to receive the annual contributions, beg leave to report, that they have received on account of the Bishop's fund, the sum of eight hundred and nine dollars and forty-five cents, and on account of the Convention fund, the sum of two hundred and forty-three dollars, and ninety-four cents, as appears by the following statement :

NAMES OF PARISHES.	Conven- tion fund.	Bishop's fund.
St. Paul's Parish, Baltimore,	\$ 6 00	\$100 00
St. Peter's Church, Baltimore,	6 00	80 00
Christ's Church, Baltimore,	6 00	60 00
St. Ann's Parish, Annapolis,	6 00	30 00
Queen Ann's Parish, Prince George's county, 2 years	12 00	5 45
All Saints', Frederick City,	6 00	30 00
Christ's Church, Georgetown, D. C.	6 00	30 00
St. Paul's Parish, Queen Ann's County,	6 00	20 00
St. Michael's, Talbot County,	6 00	20 00
St. James', Anne Arundel County,	6 00	20 00
All Hallows, Anne Arundel County,	6 00	10 00
Chester Parish, Kent County, 2 years,	12 00	40 00
St. Paul's Parish, Prince George's County,	6 00	13 00
St. Stephen's Church, Cecil County,	6 00	15 00
All Saint's Church, Calvert County,	6 00	
Coventry Parish, Somerset County,	6 00	10 00
Worcester Parish, Worcester County,	6 00	
St. Matthew's Church, Prince George's County,		10 00
Trinity Church, Upper Marlborough,	6 00	10 00
Rock Creek Church, District of Columbia,	6 00	10 00
St. James' Parish, Baltimore County,	6 00	10 00
All Hallow's Parish, Worcester County,	6 00	10 00
Trinity Parish, Charles County,	6 00	10 00
St. Margaret's Parish, Anne Arundel County,	6 00	20 00
Prince George's Parish, Montgomery County,		10 00
William and Mary Parish, Charles County,	6 00	10 00
Trinity Church, Elkton, Cecil County,	6 00	10 00
Port Tobacco Parish, Charles County,	6 00	10 00
Spring Hill Parish, Somerset County,	6 00	
Durham Parish, Charles County,		10 00
William and Mary Parish, St. Mary's County,	6 00	15 00
Havre de Grace Parish, Harford County,	3 00	5 00
St. Bartholomew's Parish, Montgomery County,		10 00
Somerset Parish, Somerset County,	6 00	6 00
St. Andrew's Parish, St. Mary's County, 3 years,	18 00	10 00
Great Choptank Parish, Dorchester County, 3 years,	18 00	30 00
Christ's Church, Calvert County,	6 00	10 00
Christ's Church, Prince George's County,	6 00	10 00
St. Peter's Church, Talbot County,		
\$17 06 was paid last year, all of which was carried } to the credit of the Convention fund.	00 94	90 00
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	\$237 94	\$799 45
*St. John's Parish, Baltimore and Harford,	6 00	10 00
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	\$243 94	\$809 45

FRANCIS H. L. LAIRD, *Chairman.*
ROBERT NEILSON,
EDWIN FORMAN.

*This amount was paid after the report was submitted to the Convention

Paid into the hands of the Treasurer after the adjournment of the Convention.

	Convention Fund.	Bishop's Fund.
By St. John's Parish, Hagerstown,	- \$20 00	\$6 00

Delinquent Parishes.

Trinity Church, *Washington City.*

St. John's Church, do do

Trinity Church, *Baltimore.*

St. Mark's, *Frederick County.*

All Faith's Parish, *St. Mary's County.*

Christ's Church, (Queen Caroline Parish,) *Anne Arundel County.*

Christ's Church, *Washington City.*

King and Queen Parish, *St. Mary's County.*

Durham Parish, *Charles County.*

Zion Church, *Prince George's County.*

Specutia Church, *Harford County.*

St. Bartholomew's Parish, *Montgomery County.*

Zion Parish, *Frederick County.*

St. Peter's Parish, *Montgomery County.*

St. Paul's Parish, *Washington County.*

Christ's Church, *Kent Island.*

St. John's Church, *Anne Arundel County.*

Shrewsbury Parish, *Kent County.*

All Hallow's Parish, *Dorchester County.*

St. Luke's Parish, *Queen Ann's County.*

Stepney Parish, *Somerset County.*

St. Thomas' Parish, *Baltimore County.*

St. Paul's Parish, *Prince George's, for 1831, 1832, 1833.*

The following resolution was submitted and adopted :

Resolved, That it be proposed to the vestries of the several parishes in this diocese, to alter the second article of the Constitution, by striking out the second clause of the said article, commencing at the words "no clergyman ordained by a foreign Bishop," &c.

Resolutions to co-operate with the Bible Society of Maryland.

The committee to whom was referred a communication from the agent of the Maryland Bible Society, addressed to the President of this Convention, report—That from that communication it appears that the "Bible Convention which met in May last, organized a State Bible Society, the object of which is to re-explore and supply the State with the Scriptures. To effect this object in the best manner and at the

least expense, it is designed to organize an auxiliary society in each county, and sub-auxiliaries in the election districts." As it is the desire of the agent that this important undertaking should receive the approbation and encouragement of this Convention, and as the praiseworthy effort which is contemplated is deemed every way worthy of such sanction, the committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Convention regard with interest the effort now making by the Bible Society of Maryland to explore and supply the State with the Scriptures, and that the clergy and members of this church throughout the diocese, are earnestly requested to co-operate in the same.

The above resolution was passed unanimously.

It was, on motion, resolved, that Samuel I. Donaldson and Peter Hoffman, Esqs., in connexion with the treasurer of this convention, be requested to ascertain if a different investment of the Episcopal fund might not judiciously be made, and to invest the same or any part of it as they may prefer.

The committee to whom the accounts of the treasurer were referred, report that they have carefully examined the accounts and vouchers, and find the same to be perfectly correct.

The Treasurer of the Convention, charged with the funds for the support of the Episcopate, respectfully reports the present situation of that fund :

Seven full shares in Union Bank of Maryland,	\$525 00
Certificate of Baltimore Life Insurance Co.	500 00
Do. Mechanics' Saving Fund Society,	257 75
Amount in Savings Bank of Baltimore,	
May, 1833, - - - -	\$470 78
Deposited in same, late treasurer's check,	15 75
Do. dividend Union Bank, - -	15 75
Do. Life Insurance Co. 1 year's interest,	25 00
Do. Saving Fund Society, " -	13 66
Do. Savings Bank of Baltimore, " -	20 91
	<hr/> 561 85
Total amount of this fund, - - -	<hr/> \$1844 60

Exclusive of interest since accruing and not received.

R. H. OWEN, *Treas.*

Baltimore, May 26, 1834.

Report of the Committee on the state of the Church.

The Standing Committee, acting as the committee on the state of the Church, beg leave to present the following report:

Thirty-four parochial reports have been placed in the hands of the committee; from which it appears that 871 baptisms have been performed, 235 marriages celebrated, and 394 funerals attended. The present number of communicants, as stated in these reports, is 2588; exhibiting an increase of 225, during the past year. It is proper to remark, that some of the most populous parishes have not been heard from. The parishes from which reports have been obtained, are all represented to be in a state of progressive improvement. Practical piety and enlightened attachment to the forms and institutions of the church, are advancing with equal pace among the Episcopalians of the diocese. A missionary spirit is also gradually diffusing itself; and a determination is manifested, on the part of churchmen generally, to revive and restore all the waste places of our Zion. Missionary stations have been designated, and all the funds in hand appropriated by the executive committee of the Missionary Society; and every effort will be used to obtain missionaries as soon as possible. The committee are decidedly of opinion, that the Church of Maryland enjoys, at this moment, brighter prospects of increase than at any former period of her history.

All which is respectfully submitted.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

St. Paul's Parish, Baltimore.

Communicants,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	314
Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	58
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	56

W. E. WYATT, Rector.

St. Peter's Church, Baltimore.

Baptisms,	{	Adults,	-	-	-	-	-	3
	{	Children,	-	-	-	-	-	30—33
Communicants,	{	Added,	-	-	-	-	-	27
	{	Died and removed,	-	-	-	-	-	16
	{	Present number,	-	-	-	-	-	387

Withdrawn, - - - - - 1
 Present number, - - - - - —155

Since the last report the church has been beautifully finished, and enclosed with substantial walls of stone and brick on each side, with iron railings in front. We have this week also, finished a new enclosure around the burial ground. The Sunday School is prosperous.

J. V. BARTOW, *Rector.*

St. James' Parish, Baltimore County.

This Parish having been vacant from December, 1832, to June, 1833, no regular report was rendered to the last Convention. I shall be permitted to say therefore, that about eighteen months ago, the Parish Church, which had been for a long time in a dilapidated condition, was much improved, both in appearance and comfort. The pews in the main part of the building were remodeled, and the roof thoroughly repaired.

Within the last ten months, St. James' Academy, under the direction of the vestry, has been re-organised, and is now in a flourishing state.

Materials have been collected to put a fence around Trinity Church; and a substantial stone school room 26 feet long, by 21 wide, has been erected on the ground belonging to this church, and will soon be ready for use.

There are two Sabbath Schools in the Parish, one at each church, comprising an aggregate of *eighty-two* scholars and *twelve* teachers. It is but justice to say here, that the school at Trinity, has been sustained almost entirely by the zeal and self-denying labors of a few pious ladies.

The vestry at a recent meeting resolved to purchase a glebe, and have taken some steps to redeem their pledge.

The temperance cause has made unexpected progress in this Parish.

With regard to the spiritual state of the Parish, the Rector has much to lament. The regular and devout attention however, of comparatively large congregations, encourage the hope, that the time is not far distant, when the great head of the church will smile upon this portion of his vineyard.

Baptisms,	{ White,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
	{ Colored,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2—12
Marriages,	{ White,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	{ Colored,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2— 3
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
Communicants,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	35
Added,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1

J. MCG. DALE, *Rector.*

St. John's Church, Washington City.

Communicants (white)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	95
“ Colored,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22
Baptisms, (white)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
“ Colored,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Deaths,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
Sunday scholars, about	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	150

WILLIAM HAWLEY, *Rector.*

Christ Church, Washington Parish, Washington City.

The Rector of this Parish reports no very material change in the spiritual or temporal condition of his charge since the last convention, a few members have been added, so that the diminution occasioned by deaths and removals has been more than supplied. The number of pew holders has somewhat increased, and the attendance upon divine worship continues good. Upon the whole, the Rector feels that in the past he has cause for gratitude, and for the future, hope. He can speak with the highest degree of satisfaction of his Sunday School, which is under the best management, and in the most flourishing condition.

Communicants,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	150
Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
Sunday School,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	250

F. W. HATCH, *Rector.*

Christ Church, Georgetown, D. C.

Communicants added during past year,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8

The church has been cleansed and painted during the past year, and a handsome steeple is in progress, and will, it is hoped, be finished in a short time.

JOHN T. BROOKE, *Rector.*

St. Anne's Church, Annapolis.

Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7

JOHN G. BLANCHARD, *Rector.*

Rock Creek Parish.

Communicants last reported,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	60
Added,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	35
Removed by death or otherwise,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Present number, 4 colored,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	90
Marriages,	1	"	-	-	-	-	-	5
Baptisms, 1 adult, 2	"	-	-	-	-	-	-	16
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
Sunday School children,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20
Bible Class, added 10,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50
Families,	"	8,	-	-	-	-	-	32

From the above it may be seen that by the blessing of Him, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy, "this branch of his planting," which receives its sap and nourishment from the true vine, has continued to grow and flourish. Acting on the principle that the gospel should be carried to those who refuse to show that respect to the Lord's house which their presence indicates, appointments have been made either at their

houses (with their consent) or near them; by which means many have been brought under a religious influence, and induced to attend the once neglected sanctuary. Many of the communicants, having been gathered from among those who were entirely unacquainted with the principles of the church, have had every thing to learn; but they are happily improving in this respect; becoming more attached to the liturgy, and evincing their fondness for it by the fervor of their devotions.

The monthly concert in behalf of missions, which has yielded \$17—and prayer meetings, continue as usual, to shed their benign influence over the parish.

The temperance cause has made rapid progress: 100 new members have been added, of whom 20 are colored, increasing our list to 148—40 of whom are on the principle of “total abstinence from all that can intoxicate.” It is gratifying to state, that of the ninety communicants, but three are still undecided on the subject of temperance.

A parochial library has been gathered of about seventy volumes.

C. WILTBERGER, *Rector.*

PETERSVILLE, April 28, 1834.

Right Rev. Sir,

Being about to absent myself for a few weeks from your diocese, on account of which I shall not be present at the meeting of the Convention, I beg leave to report to you by letter my services for the past year. After the sitting of last convention I labored in Zion Parish, Frederick county, and St. Peter’s, Montgomery—In the former of which I baptized ten infants, attended one burial, and solemnized one marriage. In the latter I baptized thirteen infants, attended six burials. Having resigned the charge of these parishes, I took charge of St. Mark’s Parish, Frederick county, on the 1st of November, which had recently been vacated by the death of my much lamented faithful and zealous brother in Christ, the Rev. Jared Rice, whose fidelity is well attested by the fruits of his labour, and whose worth may be estimated by the affectionate remembrance of his mourning people.

As a token of their affectionate remembrance of their deceased pastor, this congregation are erecting in their church, a monument of marble, which will probably be completed before the meeting of the convention.

Last year there were reported of this parish, 74 communicants—Since that time five of this number have removed—one has been suspended and one has withdrawn, leaving sixty-seven—Since my connexion with this parish I have baptized five infants and one adult—attended three funerals and twelve weddings.

MERVIN ALLEN,
Rector of St. Mark’s, Frederick Co.

Rt. Rev. Bishop Stone.

The Rector of St. Bartholomews and Prince George’s Parishes, Montgomery county, reports, that the situation of his parishes is not materially altered since his last report to the Convention.

In St. Bartholomew’s Parish, there have been

Marriages,	3
Funerals,	5
Baptisms,	8
Number of Communicants,	52

Prince George's Parish.

Marriages,	4
Funerals,	6
Baptisms,	12
Communicants,	64
L. I. GILLISS, <i>Rector.</i>	

All Saints, Frederick.

Baptisms,	11
Marriages,	6
White, { Funerals, Adults,	6
{ Children,	5—11
Colored, { Funerals, Adults,	2
{ Children,	2—4
Communicants, Removed,	7
Added,	21
Present number,	135
Of these thirty-five are colored persons.	
Sunday School children,	130
Parochial week day school,	40

The Parsonage house is finished. The church and pulpit have been repaired, and thoroughly furnished. Within the bounds of this Parish, a Chapel has been erected, through the liberality of John Brien, Sen. Esqr. at Catoctin Furnace, and was on Friday, October 25, 1833, consecrated to the service of God, by the Right Rev. Bishop Stone. Missionary services have been performed here, every alternate Lord's day, and also at the Point of Rocks. A third station has been visited, viz: Brownsville, Pleasant Valley, where it is expected a church will be formed. A missionary has been employed for these three places, and will enter upon his field of duty this month.

HENRY V. D. JOHNS, *Rector.*

St. John's Parish, Baltimore and Harford Counties.

Rt. Rev. and Dr. Sir,

As it is not convenient for me to attend the Convention this year, I would respectfully transmit my report to the Convention through you. I have little more to say however, than that the usual routine of duty has been performed; and that my prospects of usefulness, and the prosperity of the church continue much the same. The vestry of one of my parishes have recently made exertions to purchase and pay for a church built some time past and given to the parish by an individual; but as no deed was passed they were dependent upon his will and pleasure, and he having determined to dispose of the property, the people were compelled to purchase or be deprived of a place of public worship.

Baptisms for the past year,	17
Funerals,	6
Marriages, { White,	6
{ Colored,	1—7
Communicants, about	80

All of which, is very respectfully submitted,

By your obedient servant,

JOHN R. KEECH, *Rector.*

Trinity Church, Elkton.

Baptisms,	{ Adults,	. . . . .	2
	{ Infants,	. . . . .	5—7
Communicants,		. . . . .	22
Baptisms in the vacant	{ Adults,	. . . . .	3
Church of Northeast,	{ Infants,	. . . . .	4—7

H. L. DAVIS, *Rector.*

Chester Parish, Chestertown.

The general prosperity of this Parish calls for fervent gratitude to our Lord and Saviour. Repairs and improvements to a large amount have been effected on the exterior of the church building. A spirit of piety is apparently increasing in the congregation. An adequate support continues to be rendered to the Bible, Missionary, Tract and Prayer Book Societies pertaining to the church. The principal items of our parochial statistics are as follows, viz.

Bible class,	. . . . .	21
Sunday Schools,	{ Girls,	. . . . . 43
	{ Boys,	. . . . . 29—72
Communicants,	30—10 added. Total,	. . . . . 40
Baptisms,	. . . . .	12
Marriages,	. . . . .	10

In addition to the sums contributed by our Missionary Society, monthly collections are made in the congregation for Domestic and Foreign Missions.

CLEMENT F. JONES, *Rector.*

St. Paul's Parish, Kent County.

This Parish being destitute of a minister, I have for the present, engaged to supply the pulpit in the afternoons of two Sundays of every month. My labours through the divine mercy have not been unavailing. The church building has been repaired, and surrounded with an excellent enclosure. The Sunday School is flourishing, for which we are indebted under God, to the unwearied labors of a young lady of the congregation; to whose exertions may also be attributed the establishment in the Parish of a valuable circulating library of religious books.

CLEMENT F. JONES, *Rector.*

St. Michael's Parish, Talbot County.

The Rector of St. Michael's Parish has baptized, during the last year, 12 white, and 32 colored children. He has performed 5 marriages, all, except one, of colored persons; and has attended 1 funeral. He feels much pleasure in having it in his power to state, that a site has at length been obtained for a church in Miles' River Neck, a portion of ground having been generously presented to the vestry for that purpose by Charles Lowndes, Esqr. About \$600 have also been subscribed, and nearly \$800 raised by the zealous and extraordinary exertions of the ladies of the Parish, for the erection of a suitable edifice. No impediment, it is believed, *now exists to the accomplishment of so desirable an object*; and it is hoped,

that in less than another year, the worship of God will be placed on a becoming and respectable footing in that section of the Parish.

The vestry have also been relieved, in the course of the last year, of all their incumbrances in the way of debt, the claim of the Rev. Mr. Hubbard having been finally settled.

JOSEPH SPENCER, *Rector.*

The Rector of St. Paul's Parish, Queen Ann's County, being absent from the last Convention in consequence of sickness, and prevented thereby from handing in his annual report, begs leave now to present the same.

Baptisms,—Infants,	{ White,	5
	{ Colored,	10—15
Communicants,		18

For the last year he reports,—Baptisms, whole number,		13
Infants, {	White,	7
	Colored,	6
Marriages,		1
Burials,		3
Number of communicants,		20

Three having been added during the last year. In addition to these, he mentions a small Sunday School, which is instructed principally by a few young ladies, who have very laudably tendered their services in aid of so important a matter. One of the churches at which divine service is held is considerably dilapidated, but he flatters himself, before another year shall have passed away, it will (as it ought long since to have been) be thoroughly repaired. The corner-stone of a new church was laid on the first day of May, in the town of Centreville, and the building is rapidly progressing towards its completion. This is a most pleasing event, and betokens, he would fain believe, a better state of things than has heretofore existed; and indeed he most ardently hopes, that its erection may soon witness the time, when the congregation who worship within its walls shall become really and truly the people of God.

ROBERT W. GOLDSBOROUGH, *Rector.*

St. Peter's Parish, Talbot County.

It is with sincere gratitude and praise to the great Head of the church, that the Rector is able to report, that some very material and important changes have taken place in the apparent condition of this Parish since the last Convention. The Parish church, which for many years had been in a most dilapidated and uncomfortable state, is now thoroughly repaired, and the whole of the interior conveniently and neatly arranged.

The interior of the church in Easton, has also been repaired and much improved.

The pews in both churches are all rented, and the congregations have evidently increased in number, zeal, and piety.

The Rector is encouraged to hope and believe, that the spiritual state of this Parish is more hopeful than it has been for many years.

Communicants, about	90
Marriages,	5
Baptisms,	20
Funerals,	6

THOMAS BAYNE, *Rector.*

The Rector of Christ Church Parish, Calvert County, reports,	
Communicants, 22nd Aug. 1832,	21
Added since,	9
Removed 2,—died 2,—Present number,	26
Funerals,	20
Marriages,	13
Baptisms, (1 Adult)	30

This report embraces the last two years, during which there has been an evident improvement in the condition of the Parish. The congregations have improved as to number, zeal and piety. The Chapel, so long in a state of dilapidation is now being repaired. Subscriptions have been taken up for the repairs of the Parish church. Our friends have been liberal in their contributions, and we have reason to hope, that in a very short time both houses will be made comfortable.

M. HARRIS, *Rector.*

Great Choptank Parish.

Baptisms,	8
Marriages,	7
Deaths,	1
Communicants, Added 2; removed 5—Total,	30

The house of worship in Cambridge, has lately been repaired. The pulpit and desk furnished with a suit of hangings; and the chancel and church, generally provided with whatever is necessary for the decent performance of the service. This has been effected from the avails of a fair, to which the ladies of the Parish, with an emulation becoming the object, were the principal contributors.

The Female Tract Society, of which mention has been made in former reports, I am happy to state, is still in operation. The managers are enabled annually to purchase for subscribers and general distribution, tracts to the amount of about 4000 pages. In connexion with this there is also a Dorcas Association, the beneficial results of which seem calculated to invite no inconsiderable encouragement.

Our Sunday School, as there is no other in the town, has received unexpected accessions. It consists of about 70 children in regular attendance, and is conducted by an association formed of the Teachers and the Rector. A very laudable zeal has as yet been manifested in the undertaking, and if those who have entered on it, are not too soon discouraged, in consequence of their own inexperience, there is reason to anticipate very favorable results.

These particulars, as above specified, are indications of truly laudable efforts, and such as I could not withhold, and do justice to those who are concerned. It is, however, a circumstance much to be regretted, that notwithstanding these appearances, the present prospects of the Parish are not as encouraging as might reasonably be wished. Its interests are affected in various ways, but by none more sensibly than by emigration. The Parish will have probably lost in this manner, within about two years not less than twenty-five of its members, and these generally, too, of an age and class, on which the rising prosperity of a church chiefly depends.

JONATHAN JUDD, *Rector.*

Worcester Parish, Worcester County.

Communicants,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	48
Added,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4—52
Baptisms,	{	Children,	.	.	.	.	.	16
		Adult,	.	.	.	.	.	1—17
Marriages,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1

JOHN WILEY, *Rector.*

All Hallows Parish, Worcester County.

Communicants,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	53
Died,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Added,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4—56
Baptisms,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11
Marriages,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4

Through the exertions of the vestry, and the liberality of some parishioners, the interior of the building, which was ancient and much decayed, has been taken down, and rebuilt after a more modern style.

JOHN WILEY, *Rector.*

St. Stephen's Parish, Sassafras Neck.

Communicants,	{	Removed,	.	.	.	.	.	1
		Added,	.	.	.	.	.	10
		Present number,	.	.	.	.	.	30
Baptisms,	{	Adults,	.	.	.	.	.	2
		Infants,	.	.	.	.	.	9—11
Marriages,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
Funerals,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
Confirmed by Bishop Stone,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20

The Tract Society continues in a flourishing state. The Benevolent Association, which was reported to the last Convention as having been recently organized, has not met with that degree of success to which its importance entitles it. We are happy, however, in being able to say that this cannot be attributed to the want of exertion on the part of many of its members.

Since the last Convention, a box has been placed at the entrance of the Church for the reception of the contributions of the people to missionary purposes. Viewed as the *first* attempt which has ever been made to give a *systematic* support to the missionary cause, the result has, thus far, been most encouraging. The sum of \$29 03 has been collected.

In looking at the state of this Parish we discover the following indications of improvement:—Within the last two years the above named societies have been established, and thus far sustained;—the number of communicants has been more than doubled;—the congregation has increased to nearly the full extent of our means of accommodation;—clearer and more consistent views are entertained of the plan of salvation, and of the obligations of the christian covenant. We have yet, however, to mourn over, and pray, and labor for the removal, by divine grace, of the lukewarmness of some, and the total indifference to the salvation of the soul, of others.

JAMES A. MCKENNEY, *Rector.*

St. Andrew's Parish, St. Mary's County.

Communicants,	44
Died,	2
Added,	10—52
Funerals,	17
Marriages,	7

The Rector of this Parish is grateful to be able to say, that he considers its spiritual state at present, to be very prosperous and encouraging ; that the congregations on the Lord's day, are large, attentive and devoted.

JOHN CLAXTON, *Rector*

He has also baptized 4 children, celebrated one marriage, and attended 4 funerals in King and Queen's Parish.

In All Faith Parish, he has baptized 6 children.

JOHN CLAXTON, *Rector*

William and Mary Parish, Saint Mary's County.

The state of my parish is on the whole encouraging. The church is in excellent condition, and the congregations generally large and attentive. When I first took charge of the parish there were but forty communicants, there are now ninety-four. I have attended since last May 12 funerals and baptized 23 children, all white.

Communicants,	94
Baptisms,	23
Marriages,	3
Funerals,	12

R. MITCHELL, *Rector*

Trinity Parish, Charles County.

Since my last report I have baptised—

In the Parish Church,	{ White infants,	- - - -	8
	{ Colored do	- - - -	32
In the Chapel,	{ White adults,	- - - -	2
	{ do infants,	- - - -	10
	{ Colored do	- - - -	26
In private—	White children,	- - - -	14
Do do	Colored do	- - - -	5
In All Faith Church—	White,	- - - -	1
Do do	Colored,	- - - -	6
In private, in All Faith Parish—	White,	- - - -	4
do do do	Colored,	- - - -	8
—116			

The names of the white children, together with their ages, and the names of their parents, have been recorded.

Confirmed	{ In the Chapel,	- - - -	30
	{ In the Parish Church—white persons,	- - - -	23
	{ do do colored do	- - - -	2
—55			

Dispensed the Holy Communion in private 12 times to 13 sick persons

do do in All Faith Parish to 1 sick person

Married, {	White couples,	2
	Colored do	2
In all Faith Parish, white couples,		2
In King and Queen Parish, white couple,		1—7
I have buried, {	White adults,	19
	do children,	11
	Colored adults,	3
	do children,	3
In All Faith Parish, white adults,		3
In King and Queen Parish, white adults,		3—42
Number of Communicants last reported,		171
Died,		4
Removed, {	To Trinity Church, Washington, D. C.	1
	To Christ's Church, Georgetown, D. C.	2
	To St. Paul's Parish, Prince George's Co.	2
	To Queen Ann Parish, do do	1
	To Wm. and Mary Parish, Charles Co.	1—160
None have entered from other Parishes.		
Added,		30
Present number,		190

Respectfully submitted,
F. H. L. LAIRD, *Rector.*

William and Mary Parish, Charles' County.

Persons confirmed, 21; Baptized, 41; Marriages, 7; Added to the Communion, 9.

It is the prayer of their minister, that those of his congregation who are yet unnumbered among the professed followers of Jesus Christ, may indeed and in name become his disciples.

FITCH W. TAYLOR, *Rector.*

Trinity Church, Upper Marlborough, Prince George's Co.

Communicants last reported,	53 white, 12 colored, 65
Since removed by death or otherwise, 5 " 0 " 5	
Since added,	6 " 3 " 9
Present number,	54 " 15 " 69
Baptisms,	24 " 23 " 47
Marriages,	6 " 3 " 9
Funerals,	18 " 3 " 21

The Rector of this church regrets that he has nothing interesting to report, respecting the spiritual state of his charge. By the zeal and industry of the ladies of the congregation, a fair was held last fall in connexion with the adjoining Parish of Queen Ann. Half the proceeds (\$335) have been expended in painting the interior and exterior of the church, and in other improvements. A Bible Class for young men has recently been organized, which, though small, it is hoped will be productive of good. The Wednesday night exercises are still continued, and on Sunday afternoon, services are held alternately, in a private house at Centreville, 6 miles distant, and in the church for the colored people.

JOHN SWAN, *Rector.*

Upper Marlborough, May 26th, 1834.

Durham Parish, Charles County.

The Rector, with gratitude to the Great Head of the Church, would report that a more favorable state of things at present exists in his parish. The visit of our highly esteemed Diocesan, in June last, was productive of most happy effects. An interest was awakened, which resulted in the addition of nine new members to our communion—And of that number I am thankful in being permitted to state that nearly the whole were of the young of my charge. The church is well attended, and more general seriousness prevails about spiritual and eternal things. Still it is a subject of sincere regret that I have not been able to keep our Sabbath School in operation, or to get the children to church for the purpose of instructing them in the Catechism.

Confirmed by Bishop Stone,	-	-	-	-	-	-	47
Communicants added,	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
“ died,	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Present number,	-	-	-	-	-	-	69
Baptisms—White,	-	-	-	-	-	-	20
“ Colored,	-	-	-	-	-	-	28
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	19
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	10

ROBERT PROUT, Rector.

Nanjemoy, May 20, 1834.

Queen Ann Parish, Prince George’s County.

The Rector of this Parish reports the performance of the following duties, since the last Convention.

Baptisms,	{ Whites,	-	-	-	-	-	23
	{ Colored,	-	-	-	-	-	68—91
Marriages,	{ Whites,	-	-	-	-	-	7
	{ Colored,	-	-	-	-	-	5—12
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	17
Communicants, deceased 3 ; added 5,—present number, 66							

GEO. L. MACKENHEIMER, Rector.

Good Luck Post Office, Rectory, May 24th, 1834.

The Rector of Christ Church, St. John’s Parish, Prince George’s county, reports that nothing of a very interesting character has occurred since he took charge of this church on the 3d of October, 1833—There appears to have been a gradual increase of seriousness and attention amongst the congregation—and the Rector hopes that some indications of the drawing on of a day of better things, are visible. The congregation are making some exertion to obtain a parsonage, and will probably succeed. An attempt is also now being made to erect a small chapel in one of the extreme ends of the parish, for the accommodation of such who now find it impracticable to attend service in the Parish church. The prospect of success in this undertaking is good. I have not been able to ascertain the exact number of communicants since I have been in the parish, but think there is from forty to fifty. There are at this time several candidates for the communion; and about twenty candidates for confirmation—of which number 8 are colored.

Baptisms—White,	-	-	-	-	-	-	13
“ Colored,	-	-	-	-	-	-	20

Funerals—White,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
“ Colored,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Marriages—White,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
“ Colored,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4

F. R. HANSON, *Rector*.

Piscataway, May 26, 1834.

All Saint’s Church, Calvert County.

Having resigned the Rectorship of this church in the month of December last, the undersigned can only present to the Bishop a partial report concerning it. During the past summer funds were raised for altering and repairing the interior of the church, and for some weeks past the work has been going on; which, when completed, will be highly convenient and comfortable to the congregation.

Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Communicants, added,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
“ died,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Present number,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	68

WILLIAM F. CHESLEY, *late Rector*.

St. James’ Church, West River, Anne Arundel Co.

Having accepted the care of this one parish, the Rector reports to the Bishop that no material change has taken place in its spiritual concerns since the last convention.

Baptisms,	{	Adults,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
	{	Infants,	-	-	-	-	-	-	14—16
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Communicants	{	Added,	-	-	-	-	-	-	14
	{	Withdrawn,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
	{	Died and removed,	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
	{	Present number,	-	-	-	-	-	-	87

WM. F. CHESLEY, *Rector*.

Miss Mercer’s Seminary, West River.

In this highly interesting school, an unusual attention to religion has prevailed for several months. Ten or a dozen have indulged a hope of salvation, and several are now under religious impressions. Four have been added to the communion in St. James’ Church, and others preferred waiting for confirmation.

WILLIAM F. CHESLEY, *Chaplain*.

All Hallows Parish, South River, Anne Arundel County.

The undersigned took charge of this Parish as Rector, in June last; since which time he has devoted himself to the performance of the various duties connected with his sacred office. It is with heartfelt gratitude to

Almighty God for his divine blessing, that he is enabled to report that the Church in this parish has assumed a new and pleasing aspect. He has had the satisfaction, during the past year, of witnessing a very large increase of the congregation, and of acquaintance with the distinctive principles of our communion, resulting in a more ardent attachment to the "one Catholic and Apostolic Church." From the increased attention to the services of the Church, and from the addition of several to the communion, he has reason to believe that his labors in the cause "of Christ and the Church" have not been altogether without fruit. By the blessing of Him "who giveth the increase on the preaching of the word in the congregation, and on the administration of the sacraments and the ordinances of the Church, he has seen with joy and gratitude, in some, the evidence "of a growth in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." The intention announced to the last Convention of entirely remodeling the interior of the Church edifice has been fulfilled. By the efforts of the vestry, aided by the truly commendable zeal of the "Female Benevolent Society" of the Parish, the sum of \$1000 was raised and applied to the accomplishment of this desirable object. Efforts are now being made to paint the church. But what has been done already is the cause of many grateful acknowledgments on the part of the congregation. And I may add, that one more of the waste places of Zion has been built up; and I hope and trust that here the interests of pure and undefiled religion will be promoted, and that some at least will be edified "by the truth as it is in Jesus."

The great expense of the repair of the Church edifice, now one of the handsomest churches out of the cities, in the State, has rendered it wholly impracticable to make any collections for the missionary and other funds.

Number of families connected with the congregation, about										55
Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	46
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
Communicants,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15

LUCIEN B. WRIGHT, *Rector.*

The Rector of St. John's and Christ's Churches, Queen Caroline Parish, Anne Arundel County, Md. reports, that having been but recently elected to the charge of said churches, he is not prepared to make a statement of their condition.

HUGH T. HARRISON, *Rector.*

May 28th, 1834.

St. Paul's Parish, Prince George's County.

The present Rector has had charge of this Parish, only since the 16th of March last; but most of the labor which he was able to perform during the previous year was here bestowed in aid of his brother who was then Rector.

The state of the Parish is much more encouraging than at the time of the last Convention. The preaching of the word has been attended by the convicting and converting influences of the Holy Spirit, as is manifest from the increasing attention with which it is heard, and the frequent applications for admission to the holy communion by those who, it is believed have known by happy experience what the Apostle expressed, when he said, "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold all things are become new." Much of the good which

has been done, is to be attributed to an association held here in the month of July last. It was a season never to be forgotten, by many who were present.

During the last year, two Sunday Schools have been established, containing probably, 160 scholars and 25 teachers. Stoves have been procured for both the churches; and the congregations attending the services of the sanctuary, have been very much increased.

Communicants last reported,	-	-	-	-	-	-	70
Died,	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Added,	-	-	-	-	-	-	27
Present number, probably about	-	-	-	-	-	-	91
Baptisms,	{	White,	-	-	-	-	28
	{	Colored,	-	-	-	-	50—78
Marriages,	{	White,	-	-	-	-	8
	{	Colored,	-	-	-	-	4—12
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	32

FREDERICK D. GOODWIN, *Rector.*

Nottingham, May 26th, 1834.

Zion and St. Matthew's Churches, Prince George's County.

	Zion.	St. Matthew's.	Total.
Communicants at last report,	33	34	67
Since deceased, - -	2	4	6
Lost by removal, - -	3	5	8
Dropped for not attending,	2	0	2
Included in last report by mistake	1	0	1
Added to the communion, -	8	7	15
Added by removal, - -	1	2	3
Present number, - -	34	34	68
Baptisms, { White, - -	5	13 }	33
{ Colored, - -	3	12 }	
Marriages, - - - -	2	12	14
Funerals, - - - -	6	8	14

From the above, it will be seen that our list of communicants numbers at present, but one more than was reported to the last Convention. A larger number have been added than during any preceding year; but this increase is nearly balanced by deaths and removals.

The cause of temperance is flourishing. There are about 400 members connected with societies in the limits of our Parishes. A majority of these, probably are attached to other religious sects. The first movement in the cause, however, originated with us, and it owes a principal part of its success to our efforts and influence. Its salutary effects in my own congregations, I am bound to bear witness to.

Our Sunday Schools are not in so prosperous a condition as I could wish. We propose to lay ourselves out for increased exertions in this very important department of christian usefulness. We have three small schools, numbering more than 50 scholars in all. The Sunday School Library consists of about 40 volumes.

We have a missionary meeting on the evening of the first Monday of each month, when, after appropriate exercises, a collection is taken up for the benefit of the Foreign and Domestic Missionary Society. The amount collected during the past year is \$20. Feeling deeply the im-

portance of this subject, I intend, with the divine blessing, to bring it more fully before the minds of my people.

WM. A. SMALLWOOD, *Rector.*

Bladensburgh, May 26th, 1834.

St. John's Parish, Hagerstown.

Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17
Communicants,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	95
Sunday School Scholars,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100

In the month of April, arrangements were made for the performance of Divine service, every other Sunday in Williamsport. The congregations are good, and the prospects for the erection of a church in that village highly encouraging.

R. B. DRANE, *Rector.*

St. George's and St. John's Parishes, Harford County.

Communicants, added during the past year,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
Present number,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	37
Baptisms,	{	Adults,	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
	{	Infants,	-	-	-	-	-	-	4—9
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Burials,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3

At an episcopal visitation in June last, thirty-two persons were confirmed; and the church lately rebuilt in St. John's Parish, (Havre de Grace) was consecrated. The general prospect of these Parishes is encouraging.

EDWARD Y. HIGBEE, *Rector.*

The Rector of St. James' First African Protestant Episcopal Church, in the city of Baltimore, reports, that the church was happily reared at the expense of \$2,300. The Rector has visited the northern and eastern states the third time, and solicited aid for the church, to exonerate her of debt; his last visit was made during the past summer, and on his return, January 1st, 1834, he paid six hundred and ten dollars of the debt, and also got the church insured until January 1st, 1841. The debt now against the church is \$673 37. The Rector would say, that although the constitution of the church gives to those of his brethren who are in bondage, the right of membership in the church, much dissatisfaction has prevailed among some of his free brethren; yet with the blessing of the great Head of the church, it has been happily and finally settled; he thanks God, that he has long since seen that a gospel christian bondsman, will be a righteous servant, and for this, and other reasons, he does not forget to instruct them, in the exercises of the sanctuary; for he remembers them that are in bonds, as bound with them.

There is taught in this church, by the Rector, a week day and Sabbath School, which are both well attended. The number of marriages, baptisms, and burials, the Rector has not a correct account. The communi-

cants are twenty-one. The responses are made audibly and with much apparent devotion.

WILLIAM LEVINGTON, *Rector.*

May 16th, 1834.

Resolved, that the sum of fifty dollars be paid to the Secretary for his services, during the present session of the Convention.

Resolved, That the sum of five dollars be paid to the sexton of Christ Church, Easton, for services on the present occasion.

No further business being brought before the Convention, the session was closed by singing a hymn, followed by prayer and benediction by the Bishop, when the house adjourned *sine die*.

WILLIAM M. STONE, *President.*

RICHARD M. HALL, *Secretary.*

St. James' "	West rivar,	do	14	9	143	181	361	3975	366	496	133	1844	160
Gt. Choptank Parish	Dorchester County,	Jonathan Judd,	8	1		5	2	80	7	1			
Worcester do	Worcester do	John Wiley,	16				4	52	1				70
All Hallows do	do	do	11			1	4	56	4				
St. Stephen's do	do	James A. McKenney,	9	2	20	1	10	30	6	7			
St. Andrew's do	St. Mary's do	John Claxton,				2	10	52	7	17			
Queen Ann's and }	do	Vacant,	10						1	4			
All Faith do }	do												
Wm. and Mary do	do	R. Mitchell,	23					94	3	12			
Trinity do	Charles do	F. H. L. Laird,	114	2	55	11	30	190	7	42			
Wm. and Mary do	do	Fitch W. Taylor,	41		21		9	90	7				
Trinity Church,	Upper Marlborough,	John Swan,	47			5	9	69	9	21			
Durham Parish,	Charles County,	Robert Prout,	48		47	3	12	69	10	19			
Queen Ann do	Prince George's do	G. L. Mackenheimer,	91			3	5	66	12	17			
St. John's do	do	F. R. Hanson,	33					45	10	6			
All Hallows do	Anne Arundel do	Lucien B. Wright,	46					15		7			
St. Paul's do	Prince George's do	F. D. Goodwin,	78			6	27	91	12	32		25	160
Zion and St. Mat-	do	W. A. Smallwood,	33			17	18	68	14	14			50
thew's Churches }	Hagerstown,	R. B. Drane,	14					95	17	8			100
St. John's Parish,	Harford County,	Edward V. Higbee,	9				11	37	3	3			
St. George's & St. }													
John's Parishes,	Baltimore,	W. Levington,						21					
St. James' first }													
African church, }													
			1177	18	143	181	361	3975	366	496	133	1844	160

LIST OF THE CLERGY
OF THE
DIOCESE OF MARYLAND,

JUNE 1, 1834.

The Clergymen to whose names an asterisk () is prefixed, did not attend
the meetings of the Convention.*

Right Rev. *William Murray Stone*, D. D., Bishop of the
Diocese, residing in Salisbury, Somerset county.

*Rev. *Mervin Allen*, Rector of St. Mark's Parish, Frederick
county.

“ **Charles C. Austin*, Rector of St. Thomas' Parish, Bal-
timore county.

“ **Henry Aisquith*, St. Margaret's, Westminster, Anne
Arundel county.

“ **Walter D. Addison*, residing in Georgetown, D. C.

“ **John V. Bartow*, Trinity Church, Baltimore.

“ *Thomas Bayne*, St. Peter's Parish, Easton, Talbot co.

“ *John G. Blanchard*, St. Anne's Parish, Annapolis.

● “ **Thomas Billopp*, King and Queen Parish, St. Mary's
county.

“ *John T. Brooke*, Christ Church, Georgetown, D. C.

“ **Henry H. Bean*, St. Peter's Parish, Montgomery co.

“ *William F. Chesley*, Rector of St. James' Parish and
Chaplain to Miss Mercer's Seminary, West River,
Anne Arundel co.

“ *John Claxton*, St. Andrew's Parish, St. Mary's co.

“ *Henry L. Davis*, Trinity Church, Elkton, Cecil co.

“ **R. B. Drane*, St. John's Church, Hagerstown, Wash-
ington county.

“ *J. M'G. Dale*, St. James' Parish, Baltimore county.

“ *C. B. Dana*.

“ **William Duke*, residing in Elkton, Cecil co.

“ *John Forman*.

“ *Levin I. Gilliss*, Prince George's and St. Bartholo-
mew's Parish, Rockville, Montgomery county.

“ **Henry B. Goodwin*, St. Paul's Parish, Nottingham,
Prince George's county.

Rev. F. D. Goodwin, St. Paul's Parish, Prince George's county.

“ **Robert W. Golsborough, St. Paul's Parish, Centreville, Queen Ann's county.**

“ ***Hector Humphreys, Principal of St. John's College, Annapolis.**

“ **J. P. K. Henshaw, D. D., St. Peter's Church, Baltimore.**

“ ***Frederick W. Hatch, Christ Church, Washington City, D. C.**

“ **William Hawley, St. John's Church, Washington City, D. C.**

“ **Matthias Harris, Christ Church Parish, Calvert co.**

“ **Edward Y. Higbee, Havre-de-Grace Parish, Harford county.**

“ **Hugh T. Harrison, St. John's Church, Queen Caroline Parish, Anne Arundel county.**

“ **Alfred Holmead, residing in Baltimore.**

“ **F. R. Hanson, Christ Church, Prince George's co.**

“ **Jonathan Judd, Great Choptank Parish, Dorchester county.**

“ **John Johns, Christ Church, Baltimore.**

“ ***Henry V. D. Johns, All Saints' Parish, Frederick co.**

“ ***Leonard H. Johns, Emanuel Parish, Cumberland, Alleghany county.**

“ ***Norris M. Jones, All Faith Parish, Charlotte Hall, St. Mary's county.**

“ ***Clement F. Jones, Chester Parish, Chestertown, Kent county.**

“ ***John R. Keech, St. John's Parish, Baltimore and Harford counties, residing at Belle-Air, Harford co.**

“ **Francis H. L. Laird, Trinity Parish, Charles co.**

“ **George McElhiney, Somerset Parish, Princess Ann, Somerset county.**

“ ***R. Mitchell, William and Mary Parish, Great Mills, St. Mary's county.**

“ **James A. M'Kenney, St. Stephen's Parish, Sassafras Neck, Cecil county.**

“ **George L. Mackenheimer, Queen Ann Parish, Prince Georges' county.**

“ ***Andrew T. M' Cormick, residing in Washington, D.C.**

“ **Robert Prout, Durham Parish, Nanjemoy, Charles co.**

“ ***Thomas Reid.**

“ ***J. J. Robertson, Missionary to Greece.**

“ **William A. Smallwood, Zion and St. Matthew's churches, Prince George's county.**

- Rev. Joseph Spencer, D. D., St. Michael's Parish, Talbot co.**
 " **John Swan, Trinity Church, Upper Marlborough.**
 " ***Purnel F. Smith, Georgetown, Kent co.**
 " **Fitch W. Taylor, William and Mary Parish, Allen's Fresh, Charles county.**
 " ***William E. Wyatt, D.D., St. Paul's Parish, Baltimore.**
 " ***Lemuel Wilmer, Port Tobacco Parish, Charles co.**
 " **John Wiley, All Hallows and Worcester Parishes, Poplar town, Worcester county.**
 " ***Christian Wiltberger, Rock Creek Parish, District of Columbia.**
 " **Lucien B. Wright, All Hallows' Parish, Anne Arundel county.**
 " ***William Levington, (colored) Rector of St. James' first African P. E. Church, Baltimore.**

LIST OF THE LAY DELEGATES,

Who attended the Convention, and of the Parishes and Churches, which they represented.

- Mr. Samuel I. Donaldson, St. Paul's Parish, Baltimore.**
 " **Robert Neilson, St. Peters' church, Baltimore.**
 " **Richard M. Hall, Christ Church, Baltimore.**
 " **Alexander C. Magruder, St. Anne's Parish, Annapolis.**
 " **Robert H. Goldsborough, St. Michael's Parish, Talbot co.**
 " **Samuel H. Stephens, St. Stephen's Parish, Cecil co.**
Hon. John B. Eccleston, Chester Parish, Kent co.
Dr. William Thomas, St. Andrew's Parish, St. Mary's co.
 " **Allen Thomas, Queen Caroline Parish, Anne Arundel co.**
 " **Thomas C. Risteau, St. James' Parish, Baltimore co.**
Mr. John G. Chapman, Port Tobacco Parish, Charles co.
 " **John Goldsborough, St. Peter's Parish, Talbot co.**
 " **Howes Goldsborough, St. John's parish, Havre de Grace.**
 " **James W. Bourke, St. Margaret's, Westminster Parish, Anne Arundel county.**
 " **Thomas Loker, William & Mary Parish, St. Mary's co.**
 " **Upton Beall, Trinity Church, Upper Marlborough.**
 " **Edward Tilghman, St. Paul's Parish, Queen Ann's co.**
 " **William C. Scott, Trinity Church, Elkton.**
 " **Robert L. Myles, Somerset Parish, Somerset co.**
 " **John E. Berry, St. Matthew's church, Prince George's co.**
 " **William L. Marbury, St. John's Parish, Prince George's county.**

Mr. Edwin Forman, Worcester Parish, Worcester county.

" Robert W. Kent, All Hallow's Parish, Anne Arundel co.

**“ *Elisha R. Griffith*, St. Bartholomew’s Parish, Montgo-
mery county.**

" Nathan Dickerson, Prince George's Parish, do.

Number of Clergy in the Diocese, June 1, 1833, 55

Omitted, 1—56

Added, 7-63

Died, - - - - - - - - **1**

Removed to other Dioceses, - - - - 3—4

Present number, - - - - - 59

Attended the Convention, - - - - - 33

Absent, - - - - - - **26—59**

APPENDIX.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The following account is extracted from the Society's annual report for 1834.

In the appendix to the journal of last year, it was stated, that agents had been appointed to visit the different parts of the Diocese, to form auxiliaries and solicit contributions, and that the sum of \$850 had been collected and paid into the hands of the treasurer. The sum of \$291 34, has since been collected, making the total amount eleven hundred and forty-one dollars and thirty-four cents paid the treasurer; of this sum, \$100 has been applied in part payment of one hundred and fifty dollars appropriated to the vestry of Rock Creek Parish, to aid in the support of their Rector, leaving a balance in the hands of the treasurer of \$1041 34.

An auxiliary society has been formed at each of the following places:—Annapolis, Snowhill, Cambridge and Princess Ann.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee, held on the 28th of May, 1834, the Rev. LEONARD H. JOHNS was appointed to act as Missionary at the station in which is embraced the Chapel at Catoctin Furnace, the Point of Rocks and Pleasant Valley. The committee further determined to engage a missionary so soon as one can be obtained, to be employed in the counties of Caroline and Dorchester.

Although the society has existed two years, the Executive Committee until now, has been unable to employ a missionary; yet as funds to enable them to commence has been raised, the committee indulge the hope that in future they will have proof to offer of the good effects of the society, having no reason to doubt that funds may hereafter be obtained, not only to support missionaries, but to enable the Executive Committee to aid feeble and decayed parishes in the support of their pastors.

FORM OF A PAROCHIAL REPORT.

Parish, County, May, 18.

Baptisms, . Adults, white -, colored -, = - }
" Infants, do -, do -, = - } . : . -
Confirmed, . . . white -, colored -, -
Communicants, last reported -, added -, - }
" died -, removed -, withdrawn -, suspended - } -
Marriages, . . . white -, colored -, -
Funerals, . . . do -, do -, -
Sunday Schools, Male Teachers -, Scholars - } Teachers, -
" " Female do -, do - } Scholars, -
Bible Classes, Male members -, Female members -, . . -
Weekday Schools, number of scholars, -

Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the church.

Remarks by the Rector.

Place of residence particularly designated.

_____, Rector.

**The next Annual Convention will be held in Washington
City, on the last Wednesday of May, 1835.**

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CITY OF WASHINGTON, *Wednesday, May 27, 1835.*

The Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Maryland, this day assembled in Trinity Church, in the city of Washington, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Divine service was conducted by the Rev. F. R. Hanson. The convention sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Wyatt. The Lord's supper was administered by the Right Rev. Bishop Stone, aided by the Rev. Mr. Hawley and the Rev. Mr. Higbee.

The Secretary of the last convention being absent, Mr. A. C. Magruder was appointed Secretary, pro tempore, who proceeded to call over the names of the clergy entitled to seats at the last convention. The following clergymen answered to their names.

Rt. Rev. WILLIAM MURRAY STONE, D. D. *Bishop of the Diocese and President of the Convention.*

Rev. Henry Aisquith,	Rev. John Johns, D. D.
" Henry H. Beap,	" Henry V. D. Johns,
" Wm. F. Chesley,	" Francis H. L. Laird,
" John Claxton,	" Geo. L. Mackenheimer,
" James McG. Dale,	" George McElhiney,
" R. B. Drane,	" R. Mitchell,
" Levin I. Gilliss,	" Robert Prout,
" F. D. Goodwin,	" Wm. A. Smallwood,
" R. W. Goldsborough,	" John Swan,
" Hugh T. Harrison,	" Fitch W. Taylor,
" F. R. Hanson,	" John Wiley,
" Fredk. W. Hatch,	" Lemuel Wilmer,
" William Hawley,	" Christian Wiltberger,
" J.P.K. Henshaw, D.D.	" Lucien B. Wright,
" Edward Y. Higbee,	" W. E. Wyatt, D. D.
" Jonathan Judd,	

A number of lay delegates presented their testimonials which were laid on the table, and the convention adjourned until 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, May 28th, 1835.

The Convention met this morning according to adjournment.

Morning prayers were read by the Rev. Mr. Wilmer.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

The following clergymen entitled to seats at the last convention, and who were not present yesterday, answered to their names.

Rev. Charles C. Austin,
" Thomas Billopp,
" Matthias Harris,

Rev. Leonard H. Johns,
" Jos. Spencer, D. D.

The lay delegates whose names appear on the 13th page, signed the declaration required by the constitution, and took their seats.

Mr. Richard M. Hall was re-elected Secretary.

On motion, *Resolved*, that all clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, present, though not members of this Convention, and all students of theology, having in view the ministry of the church, be invited to honorary seats in this Convention.

The following committees were appointed by the President.

On the rights of Clergymen to seats in this Convention.

Rev. George McElhiney, Rev. F. W. Hatch, Rev. R. W. Goldsborough.

On Elections of Lay Delegates.

A. C. Magruder, Esq., John Thomas, Esq., B. J. Dashiell, Esq.

On Parochial Contributions.

Rev. W. F. Chesley, John G. Chapman, Esq., William Krebs, Esq.

On Accounts.

Rev. L. I. Gilliss, H. C. Scott, Esq., John W. Stump, Esq.

The Treasurer's accounts were presented and referred to the committee on accounts.

RULES OF ORDER.

1st. The business of every day shall be introduced with prayer.

2. This Convention shall sit for the despatch of business, from nine o'clock, A. M., until three o'clock, P. M.

3d. Every member shall take his seat when the President takes the chair, and remain uncovered until the Convention adjourn.

4th. At the opening of each session of the Convention, as soon as the President takes the chair, the names of the clergy, who were entitled to seats at the preceding Convention, shall be called over by the Secretary of the last Convention; or, in case of his absence, by a Secretary, pro tem., to be appointed by the President. The lay delegates shall lay their certificates of appointment on the table of the Secretary, and subscribe the declaration required by the constitution. If a constitutional quorum be found present, the President shall thereupon declare the fact, and announce that the convention is organized, and ready for business. A secretary shall be elected. The following committees shall then be appointed by the chair: one of elections, to consist of three, (to whom the testimonials of the lay delegates shall be referred;) one on accounts, to consist of three; one on parochial contributions, to consist of three; and one on the rights of clergymen to seats in this convention, to consist of three clergymen.

5th. If the Bishop of the Diocese shall not be present at any meeting of the Convention, at the opening of the same, the names of the clergy who were entitled to seats at the preceding convention, shall be called over by the secretary of the last convention; or, in case of his absence, by the first named member of the standing committee who may be present.

The lay delegates shall lay their certificates of appointment on the table, and subscribe the declaration required by the constitution. If a constitutional quorum be present, a President, pro tempore, shall be elected, agreeably to the seventh article of the constitution. A secretary shall be elected; and then the chair shall appoint the several committees mentioned in the fourth rule of order.

6th. The standing committee for the preceding year shall be the committee on the state of the church; and all parochial reports shall be referred to the said committee.

7th. Every member who shall deliver his opinion, or speak in any debate, shall stand up in his place; and with respect and decency, address himself to the President.

8th. If two or more members shall rise to speak at the same time, the President shall declare which shall speak first.

9th. No member shall speak more than twice in any debate, except with leave; nor shall any member be interrupted while he is speaking in order. And if any member shall rise to *speak more than twice on the same question, without leave, the President shall call him to order.*

10th. Any member called to order by the President, or by a member, shall thereupon take his seat.

11th. When the convention is sitting, no member shall speak to another, so as to interrupt any member who may be speaking in a debate.

12th. No motion shall be debated until the same be seconded; and, if desired by the President, reduced to writing, and read by the Secretary.

13th. When a motion is made and seconded, the matter of the motion shall receive a determination by the question, unless postponed by a motion for postponement, or by the previous question, before any other motion shall be received.

14th. If a question in debate contain more parts than one, any member may have the same divided into as many questions as there are parts.

15th. All questions of order shall be decided by the President. Upon all questions of order there shall be a right of appeal from the decision of the presiding officer to the convention.

16th. No member shall absent himself from the service of the convention, unless he may have leave, or be unable to attend.

17th. A question being once determined, shall stand as the judgment of the convention; and shall not be again drawn into debate during the same session, except with the consent of two-thirds of the convention.

18th. The foregoing rules of order shall be deemed and considered the rules of order of all future Conventions, until altered or rescinded; and the same shall be published in the journal of each convention.

The Bishop delivered his annual address, as follows :

Brethren, the Clergy and Lay Delegates :

By divine permission we have again met together for the purpose of devising the best means to promote the interest of the Church of Maryland. Our annual conventions, will, I trust, have the happy tendency of uniting us closer in the bonds of union, and increasing our zeal in the cause of our divine master.

In laying before you a statement of my labors, I will briefly observe, that I have not been able, in consequence of the severe injury which I received the first of December last, to commence my visitation as early as I intended this spring.

During the last year, my labors were mostly confined to the Eastern Shore. As the regular visitations of the churches did not occupy the whole of my time, I have felt it my

duty to labor in the missionary field. The last summer and fall I travelled over the whole of the missionary ground, and had a fair opportunity of ascertaining the best stations for the labors of a missionary. My convictions have strengthened, that, if our church should ever arise from the dust on many parts of the eastern shore, it must be through the aid of the Missionary Society. We have too long suffered the parishes in those destitute regions to fall into decay. There are some persons left, who can remember better days; but they are so much reduced in numbers, as to be able to do comparatively little towards repairing the waste places of Zion. The generation that has since sprung up, not nurtured in the knowledge of the scriptural doctrines, and pure and rational, and evangelical worship of our church, have little partiality for her divine institutions, except what arises from the respect they entertain for the opinions of their fathers. Among an illiterate community, where there are but few studious readers, we must not be surprised to find many who are ignorant of the essential characteristics of the church, the body of Christ. I have found opportunities of preaching, where there were persons present, who, as I was afterwards told, had never before heard an Episcopal minister. Under such a state of things, nothing but persevering exertions, through the services of an enlightened, faithful, and well organised ministry, will ever be able to eradicate those sectarian principles, those deep rooted prejudices, which have been instilled into the minds of those who have no knowledge of our creed and church polity.

Such circumstances should excite us not to be weary in well doing. It much depends upon our missionary efforts to determine, whether we shall ever see a more prosperous state of things in those prostrate parishes to which I have just alluded. The more that I reflect upon the subject of systematic charity, the more I am convinced that it is the only effectual way to keep alive our benevolent institutions. Past experience has taught us, that without system we cannot reasonably expect to succeed in any laudable enterprise. The executive committee, anxious for the prosperity of the Domestic Missionary Society, have appointed an agent to collect funds, and organise auxiliary societies in the different parishes. How far he has succeeded in these objects, and exciting a missionary spirit among the members of the church, I have no official account, but the desired information will, no doubt, be communicated to you before we adjourn.

The following statement gives a correct view of the regular visitations which I have performed during the past year.

On Saturday evening, the 31st May, the day after the convention adjourned, I delivered an address in the church in Easton, Talbot county, to those who expected to be confirmed.

On Sunday, 1st June, I preached in the same church to a very crowded congregation, and confirmed *thirty-three* persons.

On Sunday, 22d, I preached in St. Stephen's parish, Cecil county, and admitted to the order of Deacons, William Douglass, (a colored man,) and in the afternoon of the same day I confirmed three persons. On this occasion six of my reverend brethren met me, and the regular morning and evening services were performed for three days successively. The congregations which assembled on each day were large and respectable, and appeared to take a deep interest in the duties of the sanctuary. Many persons who were present never before witnessed an ordination, and I am sure, that the impression made upon their minds was favorable to the church and her institutions. In the afternoon, by previous arrangement, the church was given up to the colored people, and the Rev. Mr. Douglass preached to them an interesting sermon.

On Tuesday, 23d, I preached in the parish church, Shrewsbury parish. Although this church is situated in a fine fertile country, abounding in all the comforts of life, yet, from a variety of causes it had been suffered to go to decay, and thus forsaken for many years had become the habitation of birds. When there I discovered that the partialities of those who called themselves churchmen were reviving, and that they were determined either to repair the old edifice or build a new one. The old building, which was larger than necessary for the congregation, has since been razed to its foundation, upon which a new church is now being erected. These are among the indications of the increasing prosperity of our Zion.

On Friday evening, 27th, I preached in the church in Chestertown. On Sunday, 29th, I again preached in the same church, and confirmed *thirteen* persons. In the afternoon I preached in St. Paul's parish, and returned to Chestertown and preached at early candle light.

On Tuesday, 1st July, I preached at Church Hill, St. Luke's parish, Queen Anne's county. In this place there is a large church, which, with the expense of a few hundred dollars—a sum easily to be raised through the influence of a faithful minister—might be put in a state of comfortable repair. I urged those with whom I conversed, to elect a vestry, and endeavor to procure a pastor, giving the assurance

of some aid from the Domestic Missionary Society. They replied that they doubted whether now a sufficient number could be found to constitute a vestry. I do not know a place in the diocese where the labors of an acceptable minister are so much needed as in this parish. The great body of the people belong to no religious denomination, and manifest no deep concern in regard to the future. Gallio like, "they care for none of these things." I have afforded a melancholy picture of these forsaken people, but am sure that it is not too highly colored. Let us pray that light may shine in this dark region, and let us add to our prayers christian efforts, that the inhabitants thereof may learn righteousness, and become a people fearing God and zealous of good works.

On Wednesday, 2d, I preached in the court house at Centreville, St. Paul's parish, Queen Anne's county. Through the indefatigable exertions of the worthy rector, and a few of his most prominent and zealous members, the church, which stood about a mile from that place, has been taken down in consequence of its unfavorable location, and in the town a beautiful church has been erected, which is nearly ready for consecration.

On Sunday, 13th, I preached in Cambridge, Great Choptank parish, Dorchester county, and on the next day, (14th) at early candle light, I confirmed *twelve persons*. In this place five of the clergy met me, and continued several days faithfully preaching the gospel of Christ. It is truly delightful in the course of my visitations, to be cheered by the presence, and assisted by the labors of those whom I love and respect. My visits, I am sure, are always more acceptable to the different parishes, when accompanied by several presbyters, who are ready and willing to aid in distributing to them the bread of life.

On Tuesday, 15th, I preached in the parish church of Dorchester parish, Dorchester county.

On Wednesday, 16th, I preached in the chapel on Taylor's Island, belonging to the same parish, and on my return I again preached in the same church. This parish has been many years without a minister.

On Friday, 29th August, I officiated at Miles' river ferry, St. Michael's parish, Talbot county, and confirmed *four persons*. This part of the parish has been long destitute of a consecrated place of worship, and the minister has been obliged to officiate in private houses. But I am happy to inform you of a better state of things. Through the pious and judicious exertions of their excellent pastor, a lot has been given, and contributions made for the erection of a christian temple, and *materials are now collected for that purpose.*

The building will, I hope, be ready for consecration in the course of the present year.

On Saturday, 30th, I preached in St. Michael's church, St. Michael's parish, and on the next day, (Sunday, 31st,) I again officiated in the same church, and confirmed *two* persons. I was met here by two or three of my reverend brethren, who kindly officiated during my stay in the parish. On Monday, 1st September, I preached at White Marsh church, and in Easton at night.

On Friday, 17th September, I preached in the academy at Hillsborough, Caroline county. At this place are the remains of a spacious church, but it is now an object truly painful to behold. Sacrilegious men have already committed depredations on the house of God, and from present appearances, it will not be long before it will be entirely demolished. From Hillsborough I went to Denton, and had the pleasure of meeting at the house of Dr. Martin, a zealous episcopalian, the Rev. Messrs. Goldsborough and McKenney. These gentlemen kindly consented to take an equal share of the services which had been previously notified through the public papers.

On Saturday, 18th, I preached in Denton to a small congregation.

On Sunday, 19th, I officiated at Greensborough, a town about eight miles from Denton. The day was rainy, and the congregation was small. At candle light I preached in the court house at Denton to a large congregation.

On Sunday, 30th November, in St. Peter's church, Baltimore, I preached and confirmed *thirty-six* persons, and at night, in the same church, I again preached and admitted Mr. John Coleman to the order of Deacons, and the Rev. Mr. Bean to the order of the Priesthood; Rev. Dr. Henshaw and Rev. Messrs. Judd and Goldsborough united in laying on of hands. Among the number, who, on that occasion were confirmed, were several who had formerly been connected with the Baptists and other denominations of christians, and three converts from Judaism.

On Thursday, 5th March, I admitted to the holy order of deacons, in the church in Salisbury, Spring-Hill parish, Mr. Thaddæus M. Leavenworth, who was received as a candidate on a letter dismissory from the bishop of Virginia. Rev. Mr. Judd performed divine service, and Rev. Mr. Laird preached the ordination sermon.

On Sunday, 12th April, I admitted to the order of deacons in the church in Cambridge, Great Choptank parish, Mr. William Pinkney, Rev. Mr. Bayne performed service, and

the Rev. Mr. Laird preached. On the evening preceding I confirmed *three* persons in the same church.

On Good Friday, 17th April, I officiated in the church in Cambridge.

On Easter Sunday, 19th, I confirmed *sixty* persons in St. Paul's church, Baltimore. In the afternoon I preached in St. James' church, Baltimore, and confirmed *twelve* persons.

On Sunday, 26th, I preached in Christ church, Baltimore, and confirmed *twenty-seven* persons. In the afternoon I officiated in Trinity church, Baltimore, and confirmed *thirty* persons.

On Saturday evening, May 23d, I preached in Christ church George-town, District of Columbia.

On Sunday morning, 24th, I preached in St. John's church, Washington city, D. C. and confirmed *ten* persons. In the afternoon I officiated in Christ church, Washington city, and confirmed *seventeen* persons. At night I preached in Trinity church, Washington city; and confirmed *twenty-one* persons.

On Monday, 25th, I preached at Rock Creek church, and confirmed *fifty-one* persons.

Clerical changes.—Rev. John Delaplane, from the diocese of Virginia, has been appointed to the Missionary station at Hancock. Rev. Mr. Leavenworth, a missionary at Cumberland. Rev. Mr. McElhiney has resigned his charge in Somerset, and accepted the rectorship of St. Anne's, Annapolis. Rev. Mr. Laird, from Trinity parish, Charles county, has taken charge of Stepney and Spring Hill parishes, Somerset. Rev. Mr. Higbee has removed from Havre de Grace, to Trinity church, Washington city, District of Columbia. Rev. Robert L. Goldsborough, an alumnus of the General Theological Seminary, has taken charge of Havre de Grace, Harford county. Rev. Mr. McKenney has resigned his charge in Cecil, and the Rev. Mr. Bayne his parish in Talbot. Rev. Fitch W. Taylor has resigned the rectorship of William and Mary Parish. Rev. Mr. Coleman has been called to St. Stephen's parish, Cecil. Rev. Archibald T. K. McCallum, from the diocese of New York, Rev. John H. Marsden, from the diocese of Pennsylvania, and the Rev. Ralph Williston, from the diocese of New Jersey, have been received into the diocese of Maryland. Rev. Mr. Brooke has removed to Ohio, and Rev. Mr. Douglass to Pennsylvania. Rev. Jas. Doughen, from the diocese of Virginia, has been chosen rector of All Saints, Calvert. Rev. Wm. Pinkney has taken charge of Somerset and Coventry parishes, Somerset county. Rev. John Woart, from the diocese of Virginia,

has charge of Broad Creek parish, Prince George's county. Rev. Mr. Hanson has been appointed a missionary to China.

I have now laid before you all the changes, of which I have any account, that have taken place within the diocese, since the last convention. Let it be observed, that I do not vouch for having afforded an ample statement of the affairs of the diocese, but it is the best that I can give from the imperfect evidence afforded me. The 35th canon of the general convention, makes it the duty of the vestries of vacant parishes, not to receive any minister removing from another diocese, until "he shall have presented to the vestry thereof a certificate from the bishop, that he has not been justly liable to evil report, for error in religion, or viciousness of life, during the three years last past." This canon is too often not attended to by our vestries. In them the neglect of this duty no doubt arises in some instances, from not being provided with copies of the canons, and consequently from ignorance of their requirements. But surely the ministers who thus commence their pastoral career by a violation of the discipline or government of the church, cannot plead the same excuse, especially as it is one of their prescribed duties, previous to their ordination, to study the "constitution and canons of the church." While so little attention is paid to these laws and regulations, it will be impossible for me uniformly to comply with the requisitions of 51 can. sec. 2.

It is no doubt within the recollection of many of the members of this body, that the Rev. Dr. Davis claimed and obtained a seat in our last convention, being as he said, under the impression that, having never delivered in Delaware, (the diocese in which he had for some time resided) the dismissory letter received by him from bishop Kemp, his canonical residence in Maryland, had not ceased. Upon further inquiry, however, it appears that there must have been misapprehension in this matter on the part of Dr. Davis, or that, as he supposes, the document alluded to had been fraudulently taken from him, for I am informed by the president of the standing committee of Delaware, that the said letter of bishop Kemp is now in possession of that committee; Dr. Davis' clerical relation is therefore wholly to that diocese, and he is not any longer to be supposed amenable to the canons of Maryland.

Notice is therefore hereby given to the parishes in this state, that Dr. Davis cannot be canonically elected to any parochial charge in the Diocese, until he exhibits from me a certificate of his canonical qualifications.

Deaths.—Within the past year, *three* of our brethren, Rev. Mr. Blanchard, Rev. Mr. Allen, and Rev. Mr. Ward,

man) were suddenly and unexpectedly called to the great head of the church an account of their ip. The latter had never been able to procure in ese a stated opportunity for pastoral services. Mr. iety and faithfulness were well known to his peo- l Mr. Blanchard by his ministrations, not only in where he was eminently useful, but by a long se- rvices in the standing committee, and as a delegate neral Convention, had obtained a title to the respect- brance of the Diocese of Maryland.

necessary to add in conclusion anything to this re- have prepared a pastoral letter which embraces the o which I should wish to call your attention. May ng of the great head of the church rest upon all erations, and cause them to result in such efficient as may advance the glory of God, and the salvation al souls.

WM. M. STONE.

gregation having then assembled, the Bishop read his etter, which will be found appended to the journal.) on motion, *Resolved*, that one thousand copies of al letter be printed.

committee on elections of lay delegates made the fol- port.

Lay Delegates, whose credentials have been hand- committee appointed for the purpose.

iel Sprigg,
ard Thomas,
ard S. Coxe,
iel Hambleton,
ge Thomas,
nas A. Emory,
ander Greer,
les R. Stewart,
nas J. Dorsett,
in Hollyday,
hington Berry,
atio C. Scott,
Thomas,
on Penn,
iam H. Tilghman,
d Trundle,
ham L. Marbury,
miah Yellot,
es A. Bond,
amin M. Miller,
r G. Washington,
ry A. Callis,

Col. Archibald Henderson,
" William Matthews,
Dr. Walter H. Briscoe,
Mr. Alexander C. Magruder,
" John W. Magruder,
" John G. Chapman,
" Samuel I. Donaldson,
" Benjamin J. Dashiell,
" Jeremiah Nicols,
" Thomas H. Wilkinson,
" George S. Hollyday,
" James T. Johnson,
" Richard Potts,
" William Krebs,
" Judson W. McKnew,
" John W. Stump,
" Henry Hollingsworth,
" Samuel G. Smith,
" Charles J. Kilgour,
" John H. Stewart,
" John E. Hayward.

Having examined the certificates of the lay delegates, the committee report that the same are correct, and entitle each of the persons above named to seats in the convention.

A. C. MAGRUDER, }
J. THOMAS, } Committee.
BENJ. J. DASHIELL, }

28th May, 1835.

Report of the Committee on the Rights of Clergymen to Seats.

The Committee appointed to ascertain what clergymen are entitled to seats in this Convention, report as follows:

Rev. Walter D. Addison,	Rev. Hect. Humphreys, D. D.
" Henry Aisquith,	" John Johns, D. D.
" Charles C. Austin,	" Henry V. D. Johns,
" John V. Bartow,	" Leonard H. Johns,
" Henry H. Bean,	" Clement F. Jones,
" Thomas Billopp,	" Jonathan Judd,
" William F. Chesley,	" John R. Keech,
" John Claxton,	" Francis H. L. Laird,
" John Coleman,	" G. L. Mackenheimer,
" James McG. Dale,	" A. T. K. McCallum,
" John Delaplane,	" George McElhiney,
" R. B. Drane,	" R. Mitchell,
" William Duke,	" William Pinkney,
" Levin I. Gilliss,	" Robert Prout,
" R. W. Goldsborough,	" Thomas Reid,
" R. L. Goldsborough,	" Wm. A. Smallwood,
" Fredk. D. Goodwin,	" Joseph Spencer, D. D.
" Matthias Harris,	" John Swan,
" Hugh T. Harrison,	" Lemuel Wilmer,
" Frederick W. Hatch,	" Christan Wiltberger,
" William Hawley,	" John Wiley,
" J.P.K. Henshaw, D.D.	" John Woart,
" Edward Y. Higbee,	" Lucien B. Wright,
" Alfred Holmead,	" W. E. Wyatt, D. D.

Application for admission into the diocese, was made in behalf of St. Thomas' Church, Hancock, Washington county, to wit:

The Ministry, Vestry and Wardens of St. Thomas' Church, Hancock, Washington county, hereby humbly represent to the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in Maryland, that having organized a parish in said town, according to the canons of said church, and being desirous to proceed in the erection of a church edifice, which they have already commenced under favorable prospects of success, re-

respectfully petition said Convention, that they may be recognized as one of the parishes of this Diocese, and be entitled to all the privileges in such cases provided for by the canons and vestry acts of the State of Maryland.

J. DELAPLANE,
On behalf of the Wardens and Vestry.

The above petition was referred to a Committee consisting of the Rev. Mr. Drane, Samuel I. Donaldson, Esq., and A. C. Magruder, Esq.

Mr. Richard H. Owen was re-elected Treasurer.

The unfinished business of last session was then called up. The change in the second article of the Constitution, proposed at the last Convention, (see page 26, Journal of 1834,) was confirmed, and the alteration in the rubrics proposed by the last General Convention were approved of. The revision of the Canons, "for the future government of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Maryland," was then considered.

The Rev. Dr. Henshaw, Chairman of the Committee on that subject, read from the Journal of 1834, p. 17.

The Canons proposed at the last Convention, which were carefully considered and amended.

CANONS

For the Government of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Maryland, as passed in Convention, May 28th, 1835.

CANON. I.—*Readers to be appointed in vacant parishes.*

Whereas, in consequence of the present want of clergymen, to supply all the parishes within this state, many congregations are deprived of the means of publicly worshiping God, agreeably to their conscience, by the venerable form prescribed in the liturgy of this church, it is hereby provided, that there may be appointed in each vacant parish, upon the recommendation of the vestry thereof, or in any other parish where the rector is unable to perform service in his church or churches every Lord's day, upon his recommendation, some candidate for orders, or other layman of exemplary character for piety and morals, as a reader; who shall, under the direction of any member of the standing committee, on every Sunday and other public occasion, devoutly read the service of the liturgy, and a sermon from the works of some approved Protestant Episcopal divine. The appointment shall be made by the Bishop: Nevertheless, any member of the standing committee, may make a temporary appointment of a reader, subject to the confirmation or rejection of the Bishop.

CANON II. *Candidates to give notice of their intention to apply for holy orders.*

Persons applying to be received as candidates for holy orders, shall give the notice and present the testimonials required by the 9th Canon of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States.

CANON III.—*Concerning Deacons delaying to apply for Priest's orders.*

It shall be the duty of the Bishop, to withdraw his license to preach from any Deacon who may have heretofore declined, or shall hereafter decline, for a longer period than three years, to take the necessary steps for procuring priests' orders; unless he may be able to assign such reasons for his delay as will be satisfactory to the Bishop.

CANON IV.—*Clergymen entitled to seats in the Convention.*

No Clergyman shall be entitled to a seat in the Convention, as having been regularly and canonically elected into a parish, unless it shall have been signified to the secretary of the Convention for the time being, by the Bishop, or in the case of a vacancy, by the president of the standing committee, that he had obtained from him a certificate of his episcopal qualifications and religious character; and unless the Bishop or president shall have received from the vestry, and transmitted to the secretary, the certificate required by the 35th Canon of the General Convention. And no clergyman shall have a seat in the Convention, as an instructor of youth in any seminary of learning, till he shall have produced to the Convention a certificate from the rector and vestry of the parish or church, in which it is, or from the vestry, if there be no rector, that he is so employed.

CANON V.—*Absentees from Convention to be noted.*

At every meeting of the Convention, it shall be the duty of the secretary to report the names of such clergymen entitled to seats, as may have absented themselves from two successive conventions; and the Convention shall take such order thereon as may be deemed expedient.

CANON VI.—*Concerning the title of infirm Clergymen to seats in Convention.*

No Clergyman claiming a seat in the Convention of this Diocese, as an infirm clergyman, shall be received as a member thereof, unless he shall produce a certificate from some respectable physician that his state of health unfits him for the active duties of the ministry, and there be evidence that

his health became infirm while he was employed as minister of a parish, as a missionary, or a professor or tutor in some incorporated seminary of learning.

CANON VII.—*Every Minister to keep a Register.*

The minister of each parish, or church, shall make out and continue a register of baptisms, confirmations, communicants, marriages and funerals within his cure, in a suitable and substantial book to be provided by the vestry of his parish or church for that purpose; which register shall be left, upon his death or removal, for the use of his successor.

CANON VIII.—*Ministers to be careful in admitting to the Holy Communion.*

No minister shall enroll any persons as communicants of his church until he has conversed with them on the subject, or unless he shall be satisfied that they have been regular communicants in his own, or some other congregation; nor shall he so enroll any one who is known to deny the doctrines of the gospel, as generally set forth in the authorised standards of this church.

CANON IX.—*Providing the elements of the Holy Communion.*

In every parish or church, the church wardens, if required by the rector, shall provide the elements of bread and wine for the holy communion.

CANON X.—*The Bishop may call special meetings of the Standing Committee.*

The Bishop shall have power to call special meetings of the standing committee at such times and places as may appear to him to be necessary or expedient.

CANON XI.—*Provision relative to discipline during a vacancy in the Episcopal office.*

In case of a vacancy in the episcopal office, the President of the Convention for the time being, shall have and exercise all the powers relating to discipline given to the Bishop by the Canons, except such as belong exclusively to the episcopal office.

CANON XII.—*Provision for defraying certain expenses.*

The vestry of each parish or church shall, at every annual convention, pay to the treasurer such sums as may be required from them respectively, by resolutions of the convention from time to time, for the purpose of paying the

salary of the Bishop, the travelling expenses of the standing committee, and of delegates to the General Convention, printing the journal, compensation to the secretary, and other incidental expenses of the Convention.

CANON XIII.—*Concerning the erection of new Parishes or Congregations.*

Separate parishes may be formed agreeably to the act of assembly of 1798, commonly called the vestry act: and separate congregations, under the clause of the act of 1802, for the incorporation of all denominations of christians, which authorises a part of a congregation to separate from the rest, and prescribes the mode in which such congregation shall be organized.

LAY DISCIPLINE.

CANON XIV.—*Communicants to have family worship.*

It shall be the duty of every communicant in this church, who is the head of a family, to live in the daily exercise of family worship.

CANON XV.—*The members of this Church to instruct their families in the principles of religion.*

The members of this church shall instruct their families, as far as they are able, in the principles of the christian religion, and shall cause their children to attend the catechetical instructions of their rector; and as soon as they are sufficiently informed, and impressed with the importance and sacredness of their baptismal vow, they shall present them to the rector as candidates for confirmation, who shall examine them, and if satisfied of their fitness, recommend them to the Bishop for confirmation.

CANON XVI.—*Theatrical exhibitions, and other light and vain amusements, forbidden.*

Attendance upon theatrical exhibitions, horse races, and other vain and light amusements, being considered inconsistent with the christian character, it is hereby declared to be the duty of the members of this church carefully to abstain from encouraging them by their presence.

CANON XVII.—*Offences for which communicants may be presented and tried.*

Scandalous and immoral conduct, gaming or any other vicious or corrupting amusement, a general neglect of public worship, breach of the sabbath or of any of the divine com-

mandments, are offences for which communicants may be brought to trial.

CANON XVIII.—*Manner of proceeding against a communicant.*

If a communicant of this church shall offend in any of the respects mentioned in the 17th canon, the minister of the parish in which the offender shall reside, shall upon receiving information thereof, take cognizance of the offence; and if he shall have sufficient evidence thereof, he shall privately admonish the person. And if this shall not have the desired effect, he may then convene the vestry and wardens, first giving the party reasonable notice, in writing, of the nature of the offence alleged, and of the time appointed for the meeting of the minister, vestry and wardens, for the purpose of inquiring into it; who shall thereupon proceed to inquire into the charge, and if they shall be of opinion that it is substantiated, the minister shall pronounce such sentence as the offence may in his judgment deserve; which sentence shall be either reproof before the vestry and wardens, suspension, or excommunication. But if the person accused, being duly notified, shall refuse to appear, the minister, vestry and wardens, shall notwithstanding, proceed to inquiry and sentence.

CANON XIX.—*Communicants who neglect to receive the Lord's Supper for six months successively, to be stricken from the roll.*

Communicants of this church neglecting for six months successively, to attend the celebration of the Lord's Supper, having opportunity, may at the discretion of their rector, or rectors, be stricken from the list of communicants; except in cases where satisfactory reasons for such neglect be assigned to the rector.

CANON XX.—*Excluding from the Holy Communion and Suretyship in Baptism, notorious transgressors of the discipline of this Church.*

The rectors of each parish in this state, shall be careful not to admit any persons to the holy communion, or as sponsors in baptism, who are notorious transgressors of the discipline of this church; and the vestries of vacant parishes shall endeavor to prevent such persons from being imposed on ministers, visiting such parishes.

CLERICAL DISCIPLINE.

CANON XXI.—*The Standing Committee an Ecclesiastical Court for the trial of Clergymen.*

The standing committee of this church shall be the tribunal for the trial of all priests and deacons against whom any charges may be exhibited. They shall be convened by the bishop, and may adjourn from time to time, until the business before them is completed.

CANON XXII.—*Manner of proceeding against an accused Clergyman.*

Whenever the Bishop shall receive such information as he thinks entitled to notice, or shall learn from public rumor, that any clergyman is charged with being guilty of a violation of the Canons, or conducts himself in any way incompatible with the character of a minister of Christ; or, whenever a majority of the standing committee shall notify him in writing that they have received such information, (and it is hereby declared to be their duty to do so, when they shall have received that information) he shall summon a meeting of the standing committee. Notice of the time and place of meeting shall be given to the accused party, and also a copy of the charge or charges brought against him, at least thirty days before the time appointed for trial. Witnesses shall be summoned, and may be examined, either *viva voce* or by depositions taken after reasonable notice of the time and place of taking the same. The party accused may call in any person to assist him in his defence, and also summon such witnesses as he may think proper, and have the benefit of depositions as above provided. The Bishop may also appoint a person to conduct the trial on the part of the church. The court may exclude all spectators, unless the party accused shall desire a public trial; in which case it shall be afforded him. If after hearing the evidence and the defence of the party accused, a majority of the quorum of the standing committee shall be of opinion that the charge or charges brought against him, or any of them, are substantiated, their opinion, together with the proceedings of the standing committee, shall be transmitted to the Bishop. Should he concur in opinion with the committee, he shall proceed to reprove, suspend, or degrade, as the offence may be thought by him to deserve. If the accused refuse to attend the trial, after due notice given to him, he shall be suspended for contumacy. If this contumacy shall continue *six months*, he shall then be degraded from the ministry.

But if he apply to the Bishop within six months, for a trial, he shall be entitled to it; and the standing committee shall be summoned, and the trial conducted in the usual form. The sentence of suspension shall be pronounced by the Bishop, and a copy of it sent to the accused and to his vestry, if he be connected with a parish or congregation; and such further publicity given to it as the Bishop shall think expedient. But the sentence of degradation shall be made known in the manner directed by the canons.

In case of a vacancy in the episcopal office at the time of the presentment of a presbyter or deacon, the standing committee, if they shall find him guilty of the charges, or any of them, shall transmit their proceedings, together with their opinion of the charge or charges against the accused, to the Bishop of some other diocese, who shall be requested, and is hereby authorised to act thereon, and if he shall concur in opinion with the committee, he shall proceed to reprove, suspend, or degrade the accused, as he may judge expedient.

If the president of the convention shall be accused, the presentment shall be made by any two members of the standing committee, and the committee shall take the steps hereby prescribed for the trial of clergymen under the direction of the Bishop to whom they shall apply.

CANON XXIII.—*Manner of proceeding against a Bishop.*

If any Bishop of this church shall violate the constitution or canons, presentment shall be made by the convention to two or more Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States. Such bishops shall have authority to institute a trial within the diocese of the accused party: and the sentence of the two Bishops, or of the majority of a greater number, being founded on the canons of the church, shall be final: except the sentence of degradation, in which case he shall be allowed the privilege of an appeal to the house of Bishops; provided he give notice of such appeal, within six months to the senior Bishop.

The question was then put, "shall these Canons pass as amended?" and decided in the affirmative.

The Convention adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, May 29th, 1835.

The Convention met at 9 o'clock this morning.

Prayers were read by the Rev. Dr. Henshaw.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

It was on motion *Resolved*, That a new edition of the constitution and canons of the General Convention, and of the diocese of Maryland, of the laws of the state of Maryland relating to the duties of the clergy and vestries, together with a connected statement of all the testimonials required of candidates for orders, be published under the direction of a committee to be appointed by the convention; and that it be recommended to the clergy and vestries to promote the sale of the said compilation in their respective parishes, and if the proceeds of the sale should not be sufficient to defray the expense of the publication, an assessment shall be laid upon the parishes and churches to make up the deficiency.

A committee was then appointed to carry the above resolution into effect, consisting of the Rev. Dr. Henshaw, Rev. Dr. Wyatt, and S. I. Donaldson, Esq.

On motion, *Resolved*, that the lay delegates representing the several parishes and churches in this Convention, be requested to subscribe for themselves or their respective parishes and churches, for copies of the publication of the constitution and canons of the church, and the laws relating thereto authorised by this Convention, and that their subscriptions be handed to the secretary.

Report of the Committee on the petition to admit St. Thomas' Church into this Diocese.

The committee appointed on the memorial of sundry of the citizens of Hancock, in Washington county, being of the opinion that the request therein contained ought to be granted, ask leave to submit the following:

Whereas, a petition has been presented to this Convention by sundry persons, members of the Protestant Episcopal Church, residing in and about the town of Hancock, in Washington county, and the prayer therein contained being proper: *Be it resolved by the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Maryland*, That Jacob Brosius, Cromwell Orrick, Kelly Thomas, Dr. S. J. Gregory, John Breathed, Dr. R. G. Belt, Isaac Breathed and George Thomas, together with others now associated, or who may hereafter associate with them, be permitted to form themselves into an episcopal congregation, to be known by the name of St. Thomas' Church, and having accepted the constitution, canons and discipline of this church, and the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States, shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of a congregation of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Maryland.

In behalf of the committee,

R. B. DRANE, *Chairman.*

Report of the Committee on the Treasurer's accounts.

The committee to whom were referred the accounts of the Treasurer, respectfully report, that they have carefully examined the same, and found them correct, as per his accounts herewith presented.

L. I. GILLISS, }
H. C. SCOTT, } *Committee.*
J. W. STUMP, }

Dr. Protestant E. Church of Md. in acc't with R. H. Owen, Treas. Cr.

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May 30	Cash paid Rev. J. Judd,	\$32 17	May 26	By balance, - - -	\$7 94
June 1	Do. Rev. Mr. Hawley,	10 75	10	Cash received of com-	
13	Do. R. M. Hall, sec'y,			mittee appointed to	
	salary for 1833,	50 00		receive convention	
	Do. expenses 1834,	17 90		fund, - - -	243 94
July 7	Do. Rev. Dr. Han-		Jun. 20	Do. St. John's Parish,	
	shaw, - - -	14 50		Hagerstown, - -	0 00
9	Do. General Conven-		Oct. 25	Do. Somerset Parish,	
	tion assessm't 1832,			Rev. Mr. McElhi-	
	per John Gibson,	39 75		ney, collected in	
	Do. Rev. J. T. Brooks,			conformity to a re-	
	in care of the Rev.			solution of the con-	
	Mr. Norris, - -	8 25		vention, - - -	5 08
Sept. 8	Do. Lucas and Deaver,				
	on account of 700				
	copies of journal of				
	convention, 1834,	50 00			
Oct. 25	Do. Rev. Geo. McEl-				
	hiney, - - -	39 58			
		\$262 90			\$262 90

R. H. OWEN, Treas.

Baltimore, May 25th, 1835.

The Treasurer reports the receipts and disbursements on account of the Bishop's fund to consist of.

This amount received by the committee of the convention and paid over to the Bishop, - - - \$809 45
St. John's Parish, Hagerstown, per F. Anderson, 20 00
\$829 45

Which amount with \$10 former balance the Bishop has received.

The Treasurer of the convention charged with the funds for the support of the Episcopate, respectfully reports the following changes since last year, and the present state of that fund:

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Seven full shares in the Union Bank of Maryland, - - - - -	\$525 00
In Savings Bank of Baltimore, May, 1834, - - - - -	\$561 85
Deposited in same Institution, this sum withdrawn from the Baltimore Life Insurance Company, - - - - -	500 00
Do do From Mechanics' Saving Fund Society, - - - - -	257 75
Do Two dividends received from Union Bank, - - - - -	31 50
Do Interest from Mechanics' Saving Fund, - - - - -	13 18
Do do Life Insurance Company, - - - - -	25 00
Do do Savings Bank of Baltimore, - - - - -	44 80
This amount remaining in Savings Bank, - - - - -	1434 06
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	\$1959 06

Total amount of this fund, nineteen hundred and fifty-nine dollars and eight cents, exclusive of accruing interest.

R. H. OWEN, *Treas.*

Baltimore, May 25th, 1835.

The subscribers, a committee appointed by the last convention to ascertain in connexion with the Treasurer of the Convention if a different investment of the Episcopal Fund might not be judiciously made, respectfully report, that the alterations of the investments of said fund appearing by the foregoing account to have been made by the treasurer, were made with the approbation and consent of the committee.

SAMUEL I. DONALDSON,
PETER HOFFMAN.

Baltimore, May 22d, 1835.

The foregoing report was accepted.

On motion made and seconded, it was *Resolved*, that the next Annual Convention be held in the city of Frederick.

Resolved, That the secretary state on the journals, the sum which each parish and congregation is required to pay for the support of the Bishop, by the resolution of the convention passed in 1831.

The following is the resolution referred to.

"*Resolved*, That in order to provide an annual fund for the Bishop until a permanent fund is raised, each parish and congregation, in lieu of the sum with which it is now charged for the purpose, shall contribute as follows:"

St. Paul's Parish, Baltimore,	-	-	-	-	\$100 00
St. Peter's Church, do.	-	-	-	-	80 00
Christ's Church, do.	-	-	-	-	60 00
Trinity Church, do.	-	-	-	-	30 00
Christ's Church, Georgetown, D. C.	-	-	-	-	30 00
St. John's Parish, Washington, D. C.	-	-	-	-	30 00
Trinity Church, do	"	-	-	-	30 00
Christ's Church, do	"	-	-	-	30 00
All Saint's Parish, Frederick Town,	-	-	-	-	30 00
St. Ann's Parish, Annapolis,	-	-	-	-	30 00
St. Peter's Parish, Talbot County,	-	-	-	-	30 00
Queen Ann's Parish, Prince George's County,	-	-	-	-	30 00
William and Mary Parish, Charles County,	-	-	-	-	20 00
St. John's Parish, Washington do.	-	-	-	-	20 00
St. Paul's do Prince George's do.	-	-	-	-	20 00
St. Paul's do Queen Ann's do.	-	-	-	-	20 00
St. Michael's Parish, Talbot do.	-	-	-	-	20 00
Chester do Kent do.	-	-	-	-	20 00
St. James' do Anne Arundel do.	-	-	-	-	20 00
St. Margaret's Church, Westminster Parish, Anne Arundel County,	-	-	-	-	20 00
St. Stephen's Parish, Cecil County,	-	-	-	-	15 00
St. Thomas' do Baltimore County,	-	-	-	-	15 00
William and Mary Parish, St. Mary's County,	-	-	-	-	15 00
All Saint's Parish, Calvert County,	-	-	-	-	15 00
All other Parishes and Congregations, are required to contribute annually,	-	-	-	-	10 00

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this Convention pay the Bishop as a part of his salary, the interest which arises from time to time, on the episcopal fund.

Report of the Committee on Parochial Contributions.

The committee on parochial contributions report, that they have received the following sums:

NAMES OF PARISHES, &c.	Bishop's Fund.	Convention fund.
St. Paul's Parish, Baltimore,	\$100 00	6 00
St. Peter's Church, do.	80 00	6 00
Christ's Church, do.	60 00	6 00
St. Ann's Parish, Annapolis,	30 00	6 00
All Saint's Parish, Frederick,	30 00	6 00
Christ's Church, Georgetown, D. C.	30 00	6 00
St. John's Church, Washington City, for 1834-1835,	60 00	12 00
Trinity Church, Washington City, for 1834-1835,	60 00	12 00
Queen Ann's Parish, Prince George's County,	30 00	6 00
St. Paul's Parish, Queen Ann's County,	20 00	6 00
St. Margaret's Parish, Anne Arundel County,	20 00	6 00
St. James' Parish, Anne Arundel County,	20 00	6 00
St. John's Parish, Hagerstown, Washington County,	20 00	6 00
Chester Parish, Kent County,	20 00	6 00
St. Paul's Parish, Prince George's County, for 1833,	14 00	6 00
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All Saints' Parish, Calvert County,	15 00	6 00
William and Mary Parish, St. Mary's County,	15 00	6 00
St. Stephen's Parish, Cecil County,	15 00	6 00
Trinity Church, Upper Marlborough,	10 00	6 00
Christ's Church, Calvert County,	10 00	6 00
St. Bartholomew's Parish, Montgomery County,	10 00	
St. Peter's Parish, Montgomery County, 2 years,	20 00	12 00
St. James' Parish, Baltimore County,	10 00	6 00
St. Andrew's Parish, St. Mary's County,	10 00	6 00
St. Mary Ann's Parish, Cecil County,	10 00	6 00
St. Matthew's Church, Prince George's County,	10 00	
All Faith Parish, St. Mary's County, 2 years,*	20 00	12 00
All Hallow's Parish, Anne Arundel County,	10 00	6 00
Durham Parish, Charles County, 2 years,	10 00	*12 00
Trinity Parish, Charles County,	10 00	6 00
St. John's Parish, Harford County,	5 00	8 00
Spring Hill Parish, Somerset County,		6 00
Zion Church, Frederick County,	10 00	6 00
Zion Church, Prince George's County, 2 years,	20 00	12 00
Port Tobacco Parish, Charles County,	10 00	6 00
Specatie Parish, Harford County, 2 years,	10 00	6 00
Rock Creek Church, District of Columbia,	10 00	6 00
St. John's Parish, Queen Ann's County,	10 00	6 00
All Hallow's Parish, Worcester County,	10 00	6 00
Prince George's Parish, Montgomery County,	10 00	6 00
Somerset Parish, Somerset County,	10 00	6 00
Great Choptank Parish, Dorchester County,	10 00	6 00
Worcester Parish, Worcester County,	10 00	6 00
St. Michael's Parish, Talbot County,	10 00	
	\$941 00	\$285 00

Received on account of Bishop's fund, nine hundred and forty-one dollars, and on account of Convention fund, two hundred and

eighty-five dollars; making a total of twelve hundred and twenty-six dollars.

WM. F. CHESLEY,
WILLIAM KREBS,
J. G. CHAPMAN, } Committee.

Delinquent Parishes.

St. Michael's, *Talbot County*, Due the Convention fund \$6, for 1835.

Coventry Parish, *St. Mary's County*,

William and Mary Parish, *Charles County*,

Trinity Church, *Elkton, Cecil County*,

Christ's Church, *Prince George's County*,

St. Peter's Church, *Talbot County*,

Trinity Church, *Baltimore*, for 1834-1835.

St. Mark's, *Frederick County*, for 1834-1835.

Christ's Church, (Queen Caroline Parish,) *Anne Arundel County*, for 1834-1835,

Christ's Church, *Washington City*, for 1834-1835,

King and Queen Parish, *St. Mary's County*, for 1834-1835,

St. Bartholomew's Parish, *Montgomery County*, for 1834, and Convention fund, for 1835,

Christ's Church, *Kent Island*, for 1834-1835,

St. John's Church, *Anne Arundel County*, for 1834-1835,

All Hallow's Parish, *Dorchester County*, for 1834-1835,

St. Luke's Parish, *Queen Ann's County*, " " "

Stepney Parish, *Somerset County*, " " "

St. Thomas' Parish, *Baltimore County*, " " "

All Saint's Parish, *Calvert County*, Bishop's fund 1834,

Prince George's Parish, *Montgomery County*, Bishop's fund 1834,

Zion Parish, *Frederick County*, Bishop's fund 1834,

St. Paul's Parish, *Kent County*.

The above report was accepted.

On motion, *Resolved*, that the present payments to the Convention and Bishop's funds be considered as in full of the amount due from St. Paul's Parish, Prince George's County.

Resolved, That in consequence of heavy losses sustained by Stepney Parish, Somerset county, said parish be released from its debt due to this Convention.

The following resolution was submitted and adopted :

There being a considerable debt due from this Diocese, in order to discharge the same, *Resolved*, that a committee be appointed to ascertain the sum due, and the proportion of it to be paid by each parish and congregation, and when the

same is ascertained by the committee, they are required to forward to the rector and vestry of each parish, the amount to be paid by the said parish. The vestries are requested to take immediate steps to procure the same, by collection in church or otherwise, and transmit it as soon as collected to the Treasurer of the Convention, Mr. Richard H. Owen, at the corner of Fayette and Holliday streets, Baltimore.

SAMUEL I. DONALDSON, Esq., JOHN HOFFMAN, Esq., and FRANKLIN ANDERSON, Esq. were appointed the committee to carry the above resolution into effect.

It was on motion, *Resolved*, that the Treasurer of the Convention be directed to transmit to the Secretary of the last General Convention, the quota of this Diocese to meet the expenses of the General Convention.

Election of Standing Committee.

The Convention went into an election for Standing Committee for the ensuing year, which resulted in the choice of the following clergymen :

The Rev. Dr. WYATT,	}	<i>For the Western Shore.</i>
Dr. JOHNS,		
Dr. HENSHAW,		
GEO. McELHINEY,		

The Rev. Dr. SPENCER,	}	<i>For the Eastern Shore.</i>
JONATHAN JUDD,		
R. W. GOLDSBOROUGH,		

Election of Delegates to the General Convention.

The election for delegates to represent this diocese in the General Convention then took place, and the following gentlemen were declared to be duly elected :

Rev. Dr. Wyatt,	Rev. Dr. Spencer,
“ “ Johns,	“ F. H. L. Laird,
Richard Potts, Esq.	Hon. Judge Chambers,
A. C. Magruder, Esq.	Hon. R. W. Goldsborough,

Report of the Committee on the state of the Church.

The Committee on the state of the Church, are gratified to find from an examination of the parochial reports submitted to them, that notwithstanding they have to lament the declining state of some parishes, several new ones have been organized, old churches have been repaired, and in different parts of the Diocese, new temples have been erected to the honor of our God and Saviour. Four missionaries are now em-

ployed in destitute sections of the State, under the direction of our Missionary Society; and we are beginning to reap important spiritual benefits from the agency of that valuable institution. The other Diocesan Institution, the Prayer Book and Homily Society, continues to prosecute as far as its limited means will admit, the laudable work of distributing our venerable formularies of faith and devotion. The gospel, faithfully preached by the clergy, is still by the Divine blessing, made effectual to the conversion of sinners and the edification of the faithful; and on the whole there is ground to believe, that during the past year, the church in this diocese has made some progress in the path of spiritual improvement, and in aiding the great work of converting the world and promoting the glory of God. For a more particular view of the state of the Church, the committee refer to the parochial reports of the clergy which are hereto appended.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

St. Paul's Parish, Baltimore.

Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	63
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14
Burials,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	55
Communicants,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	322

W. E. WYATT, *Rector.*

St. Peter's Church, Baltimore.

Baptisms,	{	Adults,	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
	{	Children,	-	-	-	-	-	-	35—41
Communicants	{	Added,	-	-	-	-	-	-	22
	{	Died and removed	-	-	-	-	-	-	20
	{	Present number,	-	-	-	-	-	-	389
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	27
Confirmations,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36

Sunday schools about the same as last year.

J. P. K. HENSHAW, *Rector.*

The vestry of Christ Church, Baltimore, acting under the authority of a petition from the pew holders, having taken into consideration the expediency of erecting a larger and more commodious edifice for the accommodation of the congregation, *Resolved unanimously.* That a new

building ought to be provided. They have accordingly purchased a suitable site at the intersection of North Gay and Fayette streets, and having procured a plan from an eminent architect, are now prosecuting the work with much spirit. The building, which is to be of the Corinthian order, and of spacious dimensions, is rapidly advancing, and is expected to be ready for consecration at the meeting of the next convention.

The Rector has the satisfaction of stating that during the past year, the contributions of the congregation for charitable purposes have increased. Besides the usual aid rendered to the General and Diocesan Missionary Societies, and to the association for the education of pious but indigent young men for the ministry, they have recently answered to an appeal in favour of the Bible cause by a collection amounting to \$480.

For the condition of the Sunday schools, which continue to prosper, reference is made to the former report. The number of teachers and scholars being about the same as was then stated.

Communicants removed,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
Present number,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	226
Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22

J. JOHNS, *Rector.*

Trinity Church, Baltimore.

Baptisms,	{	Adults,	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
	{	Infants,	-	-	-	-	-	-	65—69
Marriages,	{	White,	-	-	-	-	-	-	42
	{	Colored	-	-	-	-	-	-	1—43
Funerals,	{	In Trinity Church yard,	-	-	-	-	-	-	44
	{	In other burial grounds	-	-	-	-	-	-	32—76
Communicants, Added,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Deceased,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Removed from the city,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Withdrawn,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Present number in the register,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	—163

Confirmed by Bishop Stone, 30, in April, 1835.

Sunday School faithfully managed (by the ladies) and prosperous.

J. V. BARTOW, *Rector.*

St. James Parish, Baltimore County.

Baptisms, Infants,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
Marriages,	{	White,	-	-	-	-	-	1
	{	Colored,	-	-	-	-	-	1—2
Commnnicants,	{	Last reported,	-	-	-	-	-	35
	{	Added,	-	-	-	-	-	4—39
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Sunday Schools,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
“ “ Teachers,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15
“ “ Scholars,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	110
Bible class, 1, members,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Week day schools,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
“ “ Scholars,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50

The School Room which was in progress when the last report was rendered, has been finished.

J. McG. DALE, *Rector.*

St. John's Church, Washington City.

The Rector of St. John's Church, Washington City, reports,
That a few have been added to the communion during the past year,
but in consequence of deaths, and removals from the city, the number is
but little increased.

Communicants, white,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	105
“ colored,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
Marriages, white,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
“ colored,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21
Deaths,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6

WM. HAWLEY, *Rector.*

Christ Church, Washington Parish, Washington City.

Nothing worthy of special notice has occurred in this parish during the
last year.

The organization of a Missionary Society, auxiliary to the General
Missionary Society of the Church, and its active operation—the flourishing
condition of a large Sunday school, superintended by a gentleman of dis-
tinguished ability and most devoted and self-denying zeal, aided by a pious
band of faithful teachers; the appropriation of a portion of the Lord's day to
the special instruction of the colored members of the congregation, and
the addition of several members to the communion, are subjects of pleas-
ing contemplation, amid others which afford no ground for rejoicing. The
current of population being *from* this part of the city; it is with extreme
difficulty that the church is sustained, and although every year numbers
are added to the communion, yet is the existing aggregate of communi-
cants not thereby sensibly increased.

Marriages,									
Communicants, white,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	145
do colored,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12—157
Confirmed,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17
Sunday Schools,	Teachers, male,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
	“ female,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17—27
	Scholars, male,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	98
	“ female,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	146—244

A Library of 160 volumes is attached to the school.

F. W. HATCH, *Rector.*

Rock Creek Parish.

Marriages, white, 3, colored, 1,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Funerals, do 9, do 1,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
Baptisms, adults, white, 2, colored, 0,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
“ children, do 8, do 5,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13—15
Confirmed, do 50, do 1,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	51
Communicants, last reported, white, 90, added, 27,								117
do died, 2, removed, 3, withdrawn, 3, sus- pended, 2,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10—107
Sunday school, female teachers,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
do “ scholars, 10, male do 10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20
Bible Class, male members 10, female do 26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36

Collections at the Monthly Missionary Meeting, and from Children's
Mite Society, in aid of the funds of the General Missionary Society, have
amounted to about \$25; for the Missionary Society of Maryland, \$5.

While we have had cause for sorrow, on account of the suspension from the communion of two of our number, we have also been made greatly to rejoice in the loving kindness of the Lord. The influences of the Divine Spirit have been felt: christians animated and quickened; and dead sinners made alive in Christ. Prayer meetings and associations have been special means of "grafting in our hearts a love of the truth, and of increasing in us true religion."

The temperance cause has continued to shed its benign influence over the parish. We number now, with 21 colored, 180 members; 93 of whom are pledged to "total abstinence from all that can intoxicate." We report 35 families.

C. WILTBERGER, *Rector.*

Zion and St. Matthew's Churches, Prince George's County.

	Zion.	St. Matthews.	Total.
Baptisms, - - - - -	8	19	26
Communicants at last report, - - -	34	34	68
Since deceased, - - - - -	1	0	1
Lost by removal, - - - - -	2	0	2
Dropped for not attending, - - -	0	2	2
Included in last report by mistake, -	2	0	2
Present number, - - - - -	38	56	94
Added during the last year, - - -	8	24	32
Added by removals, - - - - -	1	0	1
Marriages, - - - - -	2	4	6
Funerals, - - - - -	2	4	6
Sunday School Teachers, - - - -	9	2	11
do Scholars, - - - - -	47	9	56

The regular services of our churches experienced a long interruption, during the last autumn and winter, in consequence of the protracted illness of the Rector. They have, however, been owned and honoured by the great head of the church. While it is acknowledged with gratitude, that the number of communicants has been increased, and greatly so in one of the churches, we are no less thankful that our former members have come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty with a more fervent spirit of devotion to their Master.

The cause of temperance, of Sunday schools, of tracts, and of missions; all these benevolent operations of the present day are flourishing among us. And there cannot be a doubt that in these two churches there now exists more of a disposition to live for God, and labor for God as the great business of man on earth, than has existed at any former period.

WM. A. SMALLWOOD, *Rector.*

St. John's Church, Broad Creek, Parish, Prince George's County.

This church was closed after the Rev. Mr. Mackenheimer resigned the rectorship in the spring of 1830, until the spring of 1832, Mr.—now Rev. —J. P. B. Wilmer, then a student at the Episcopal Seminary of Va. applied for a license to lay read in the parish. Mr. W. continued from that time to officiate, very acceptably, every fortnight until August, 1833, when the present incumbent was received in that capacity, in which he remained till his ordination in July, 1834. He was then elected as rector, and has since, with the exception of an absence during the winter months, performed divine service every Sunday morning at the church, and in the afternoon at a private house in the upper part of the parish, weekly pray-

er meetings are held, and lectures exegetical of the scriptures. A Sunday school is also in progress, and a temperance society has recently been formed under favorable auspices. Efforts are now making to erect a suitable building for the afternoon service. Several munificent individuals have subscribed to the object, and success is confidently expected. The sacrament of the Lord's supper has been administered but once during the present year, in September last, by the Rev. Dr. Keith of Va.

Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Communicants, added,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
do present number,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Burials,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3

JOHN WOART, *Deacon.*

Trinity Church, Upper Marlboro', Prince George's County.

	White.	Col'd.	
Communicants last returned,	54	15	69
Removed by death or otherwise,	4	0	4
Since added,	33	11	44
Present number,	83	26	109
Baptisms,	24	22	46
Marriages,	3	6	9
Funerals,	4	2	6

With gratitude to the Great Head of the Church, the rector of this parish would record the encouraging state of his charge. The Lord has been pleased to visit us with a refreshing from on high. The seed faithfully sown, though long waited for has at length been seen springing up. An unusual seriousness observable for some time on the minds of many was recently succeeded by a general and awakening concern on the subject of religion. Under the continued preaching of the word, and the united efforts of the ministry, many have been aroused to a sense of their lost condition, and a goodly number, who we trust have passed from death unto life, are now rejoicing in the hope of everlasting glory.

Our Sunday school, for some time rather in a languishing state, has much revived the present season; scholars 45, teachers 8. Recently a school for colored people has been commenced with much encouragement on the plan of oral instruction. This, and a regular service held alternately every Sunday afternoon, promise to do much for the spiritual welfare of a greatly neglected portion of our race.

Since October the plan of missionary effort, recommended by last convention, has been in operation. The sums thus contributed with a collection taken up for the general missionary society, amount to \$41, to be appropriated as specified by the contributors.

JOHN SWAN, *Rector.*

Queen Ann Parish, Prince George's County.

Baptisms, white,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26
" colored,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40—66
Communicants last reported,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	66
" added,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
Deceased,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Present number,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	74
Marriages, white,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
" colored,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3—9

Funerals, 11
 Collected for missions, \$23 00.

The Rector has been connected with this Parish for almost five years and has laboured under considerable discouragement, not from the want of a general attention to the exterior of religion, but owing to too much worldly mindedness among his people, and the small number added to his communion.

He has been ready to adopt the language of the prophet Isaiah, "I labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nought and in vain." during the past year his prospects have been more encouraging and animating. And it is with heartfelt gratitude, to the great head of the church that he is able to report to the convention a greater degree of religious solicitude and concern among his people, than he has ever witnessed at any former period. He has cause to believe that God is about to pour out his gracious spirit upon his lukewarm congregations, and bring their slothful energies into a becoming zeal and earnestness, upon the deeply interesting subject of salvation. It is gratifying to add, there are some at present both young and old, labouring under deep exercises of mind, fully convinced of their perilous situation as sinners, but have not yet assumed a decided stand. Though the number added during the past year is a being but nine; yet it is the largest accession, for the same period of time, since his connexion with the parish.

The rector has appointed a weekly exercise, which is attended with encouraging appearances, on every Friday. There can be no doubt respecting the utility of such meetings in our parishes. They are calculated by bringing the communicants of the church more frequently together to promote their love and harmony. To cement their hearts in Christian affection, and thus to increase their spirituality and zeal in the service of their blessed redeemer. Indeed, the day has arrived which calls for a weekly convocation of our people, for devout prayer and exhortation in connection with our regular Sabbath services. The former constitutes a most important auxiliary to the furtherance and establishment of objects contemplated by the latter. We have generally noticed a greater degree of pious zeal, and religious exertion, as well as larger accessions to communion, when such meetings have been established.

The rector has also appointed every Sabbath afternoon to impart religious instruction to the colored population, which is very dense within the limits of his parish. It appears to him, that Episcopalians have been sufficiently interested for that unfortunate class of human society hence the few who have attached themselves to our beloved church. The clergy of Virginia, with their indefatigable assistant bishop, have entered deeply into this important subject, and it is one infinitely deserving serious consideration of the whole Christian community.

GEO. L. MACKENHEIMER, *Rector*

St. Paul's Parish, Nottingham, Prince George's County.

Baptisms, infants, white,	40
" " colored,	41—
Communicants last reported,	91
Added,	25
Died,	2
Removed,	4
Suspended 2, present number,	108
Marrriages, white,	4
do colored,	5—
Funerals, white,	81
Colored,	2—

Sunday school teachers,	10
do scholars,	60

The services of the church are generally well attended in this parish, and they appear to be blessed to a degree which calls for devout gratitude and thankfulness. With an increasing communion it is believed that there is no small increase of the spirit of prayer and true evangelical piety among those who compose it. But while we speak thus favorably of the spiritual state and prospects of the church here, it is but just to add, that these encouraging appearances are witnessed, for the most part among the poor, and those who have but a small portion of wealth. Hence the temporal condition of the parish is most deplorable. In a pecuniary point of view her prospects are such as threaten the speedy closing and decay of her houses of worship, and the entire extinction of the church.

FREDERICK D. GOODWIN, *Rector.*

It gives the rector of St. John's and Christ churches, Queen Caroline parish, Anne Arundel county, great satisfaction to be able to make a favorable report respecting the churches under his charge. The inclement weather of the winter caused great interruption in the attendance on the sanctuary, but during the other seasons the congregations were large and attentive. One of the churches is comparatively a recent structure, and a remarkably neat and comfortable building. The zeal and industry of the ladies of the other church have raised a sum amply sufficient to put it in complete repair the ensuing summer. The rector has sometimes, although not as often as he could wish, been cheered by witnessing a decided determination on the part of his parishioners to engage with their whole heart in the service of Jehovah. It is his fervent prayer that instances of this kind may increase and multiply, so that when he is called to render his account to the great head of the church, he may be able to present his people before their Lord arrayed in robes of righteousness, and receive with them the crown of life.

There is a bible and tract society in the parish, and the following is a statement of the official duties of the past year.

Baptisms, white,	4
do colored,	5—9
Funerals, white,	6
do colored,	2—8
Marriage,	1
Communicants in both churches between	20 and 30

HUGH T. HARRISON, *Rector.*

St. James Church, West River, Anne Arundel County. :

Baptisms, white,	12
do colored,	8—20
Marriages, white,	4
do colored,	18—22
Funerals,	7
Communicants (white) last reported,	87
do added,	19
do died 2, removed 14,	16
do present number,	84

In presenting this report to the bishop, for the last ecclesiastical year, the rector cannot forbear to express his regret at the loss the parish has sustained in the removal of the excellent female seminary, from Cedar park.

as well as in the death of some valuable members of the church. A deeply interesting branch of his labors has consequently been cut off, and several excellent members of the communion been deprived of his ministrations. He has, however, reason to be thankful, that the church continues to be well sustained. Some very comfortable additions and improvements have been made to the parsonage, several highly valued members have been added to the communion; and, although a degree of lukewarmness prevails with a few, yet there appears to be generally an increasing attachment to the doctrines and worship of our apostolic church.

WM. F. CHESLEY, *Rector.*

St. Margarets, Westminster Parish, Anne Arundel County.

Communicants, died and removed,	4
do added,	7
do present number,	13
Baptisms,	20
Funerals,	5
Marriage,	1

HENRY AISQUITH, *Rector.*

All Hallows Parish, Anne Arundel County.

Baptisms, { Adults,	1
{ Infants,	36
Communicants, last reported,	16
Not reported last year 6, added 6,	12—27
Marriages,	4
Funerals,	10

LUCIEN B. WRIGHT, *Rector.*

May, 1835.

Somerset Parish, Somerset County.

Baptisms,	18
Marriages,	9
Communicants,	66

Coventry Parish, Somerset County.

Baptisms,	15
Marriages,	2
Communicants,	40

St. Anne's Parish, Annapolis.

Communicants, about	70
Added since December last,	3
Marriages,	5
Baptisms,	7
Funerals,	2

GEO. McELHINEY.

St. George's and St. John's Parishes, Harford County.

Baptisms—Adults, White, 4—Colored 3,	7
“ Infants, “ 12 “ 10,	22—29
Confirmed, none since last year,	0
Communicants, as far as ascertained,	37
Marriages, White 3—Colored 0,	3
Funerals, none,	0
Catechists,	8
Catechumens,	63

The undersigned entered upon the duties of his cure in November last; and divine service is regularly conducted on the Lord's day, and generally on the intervening holy days. No material change appears to have taken place, though there is much to encourage the expectation of God's gracious blessing on this portion of His church.

R. L. GOLDSBOROUGH, *Rector.*

Haure-de-Grace, May, 1835.

St. Mary Ann's Parish, Cecil County.

This Parish has been vacant for many years, I have been invited by the vestry to become their Rector, in order to give such occasional services as may be compatible with my present engagements, and endeavor to resuscitate the churches. Four children were lately baptised, and we have the prospect of building a church at Port Deposit.

May, 1835.

R. L. GOLDSBOROUGH.

The Rector of Christ's Church Parish, Calvert County, reports:

Marriages,	{ White,	8
	{ Colored,	4—12
Baptisms,	{ White,	10
	{ Colored,	6—16
Funerals,	{ White,	5
	{ Colored,	3—8
Communicants,	{ Reported last year,	26
	{ Added since,	9
	{ Removed,	4
	{ Present number,	—31
Sunday Schools 2, Scholars, about		40

The general state of the Parish remains much the same as last reported. The chapel has been repaired, and funds raised to repair the Parish Church.

M. HARRIS, *Rector.*

St. Leonard's, Calvert County, Md.

Report of St. Stephen's Parish, Sassafras Neck, Cecil County.

Owing to the short time the present Rector has had charge of this Parish, (having entered upon his duties but a few weeks since) he is unable to give as full a report of its condition as would be desirable. He is much gratified however, to state that its general aspect is encouragingly indicative, that the faithful labors of his worthy predecessors have not been in vain. A *Tract Society* exists among the ladies of the Parish, who are active in circulating these little messengers of love and mercy; and to the diffusion in this way of correct information, in relation to the ministry, wor-

ship and doctrines of the Church, is to be greatly ascribed the removal of much of that prejudice which is usually attendant upon ignorance of her primitive constitution, and the peculiar excellencies of her venerable formularies. The *Benevolent Association* of Ladies also continue their pious labors, and intend devoting the avails of their industry this year to the improvement of the Parsonage. The *Missionary Box* retains its place at the church door, for the weekly offerings of the congregation, and has produced in little more than a year, the sum of \$35 56, ten dollars of which were appropriated to the church at Pensacola, a like amount to the church at Russellville, and the remainder paid over to the Domestic Missionary Society of this Diocese. The sum of \$10 11, was also collected during the past year in aid of the Colonization Society of Maryland. Notice has been given that a sermon will be preached to the children and youth of the Parish, in the afternoon of the last Sabbath in this month, immediately after which an attempt will be made to organize a Sunday School. It is also contemplated to form a Bible Class among the ladies.

The temporal and spiritual condition of our Zion in this Parish is encouraging. The Glebe, embracing a Parsonage and a valuable farm of about 310 acres, is kept in good repair and cultivation. The Parish Church is an uncommonly neat edifice, containing twenty-five pews, all of which are rented, with an increasing demand for seats; there is also a gallery for the accommodation of colored persons. I have just completed a first general tour among my parishioners, many of whom evince a zealous attachment to the church, and a spirit of warm and enlightened piety, which is truly pleasing. The attendance upon public worship is exemplary, and from the serious and devout attention with which the ministrations of the pulpit are apparently received, there is good reason to hope that in some instances, through the Divine blessing, the seed falls "in honest and good hearts, who having heard the word, will keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience."

Confirmed by Bishop Stone, in June, 1834,	3
Communicants last reported,	30
Deduct removed,	5
Present actual number,	25

There are several who have never yet partaken of the sacred symbols of redeeming love, but I trust are "asking the way to Zion, with their faces thitherward," and only awaiting the first opportunity which may be presented to "join themselves to the Lord in a perpetual covenant that shall not be forgotten."

I report the following ministerial acts:

Marriages,	2
Baptisms,	5

It may not be amiss to observe, that the surrounding country here, to a considerable extent, is lamentably destitute of episcopal services, which are ardently desired by the people. It will give me pleasure to visit and preach, as far as may be in my power, among those who are "scattered, because there is no shepherd;" but a due attention to my more appropriate parochial duties will allow but little leisure for extra labors. When I thus look around me, and survey so many "fields white already to harvest," I can but hope that God's people are obedient to the Saviour's command, to "pray the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest."

JOHN COLEMAN, *Rector.*

May, 26, 1835.

Zion Parish, Frederick County.

Baptisms,	{ Adults,	1
	{ Children,	8—9
Communicants,	{ Added,	8
	{ Died,	3
	{ Present number,	36
Funerals,		7

The Rector of this Parish has been encouraged by the interest manifested on the great truths of religion, and the zeal displayed by the female members especially for the interests of the Parish. There has been an effort made to raise a sum of money for the purpose of erecting a comfortable parsonage, and I trust their efforts will not be without success.

In connexion with the duties of this parish, the Rector has held an afternoon service once in two weeks, in Bucky's town, where he is attempting to build up a congregation. It is hoped that some who attend this service, have been awakened to a sense of their obligation to God, and will adorn by their lives the gospel of the Redeemer. There have been three burials here, one baptism, and one marriage.

HENRY H. BEAN, *Rector.*

May, 1835.

St. Peter's Parish, Montgomery County.

Baptisms	{ Adult,	1
	{ Children,	46—47
Communicants,	{ Added,	6
	{ Present number,	54
Funerals,		6
Marriages,		14

The rector feels that there is a lamentable coldness existing in this parish, not only among the nominal members, but even among the communicants of the church. He is encouraged, however, by the increased interest which has been manifested throughout the congregation; and he humbly prays that the great head of the church will deign to crown his labors with abundant success.

HENRY H. BEAN, *Rector.*

St. Thomas' Church, Hancock, Washington County.

Baptisms,	10
Marriages,	5
Funerals,	4
Communicants,	27
“ added,	8—30

The Rector begs leave to state, that he entered upon this field of labor, August 23, 1834. He has commenced the erection of two churches, one in Hancock, the other at Werferdsburg, Pa.; both he hopes will be finished some time during the winter.

J. DELAPLANE, *Rector.*

St. Paul's Church, Sharpsburg, Washington County.

Baptisms,	5
Communicants, as far as ascertained,	25
Deaths,	

Marriages.	- - - - -	7
Funerals,	- - - - -	21

The rector accepted the pastoral care of this parish, together with his charge in Virginia, about a year ago, since which time he has performed divine service every two weeks, and in the afternoon of the same day, at the Anti-Eatam Iron Works. The prospects of this parish are decidedly improving, and preparations are now making for the erection of a church at the Anti-Eatam Works, which most probably will be finished before the fall.

CHAPLIN S. HEDGES, *Rector.*

St. John's Parish, Hagerstown.

Baptisms,		16
Communicants,	{ Last reported,	96
	{ Added,	7
	{ Died 8, removed 3,	6—98
Marriages, 16 white, 4 colored,		20
Funerals,		10
Sunday School Scholars, about		100

R. B. DRANE, *Rector.*

Emmanuel Parish, Alleghany County.

This parish has been vacant for more than a year previous to the time when the present minister took charge, the first of the present month. The spiritual interests of the congregation are in a declined state, and the temporal resources of the congregation have been much impaired by the late fire, which laid the town of Cumberland in ruins.

The church building from this cause, remains in an unfinished state.

The state of things at Frostburgh, distance ten miles west, invites, and will receive a portion of my time as missionary of the diocese.

The prospects of collecting a permanent congregation at Flintstone, are deemed desperate, nevertheless, an effort will be made.

From the best information had, the following facts appear. There have

Funerals,		8
Marriages,		0
Baptisms,		0
Members,		14

There are no social organizations for Sunday schools, bible classes, or missionary purposes at this time.

THADDEUS MINOR LEAVENWORTH, *Rector.*

All Saint's Parish, Frederick County.

Baptisms,	{ Adults, white, 2, Infants, do 16,	18
	{ Colored,	7—25
Communicants last reported,	135, added, 10,	145
"	removed by death 5, suspended,	4—9
"	present number, (white)	104
"	" colored,	32—136
Marriages, white, 1, colored 2,		3
Funerals, adults 8, infants 7,		15
Sunday school scholars,		140
Parochial week day school scholars,		50

Contributions, Education cause,	\$ 130
" Missionary do	108
" Parochial school,	140
" Sunday school,	20
" Parish library,	30—\$ 428.

HENRY V. D. JOHNS, *Rector.*

Durham Parish, Charles County.

Communicants added,	14
" died,	2
Present number,	80
Marriages,	14
Deaths,	12
Baptisms,	25

The chapel which we had in contemplation of erecting, a few years since, in the lower section of the parish, is now, I am thankful to report, in a state of great forwardness.

ROBERT PROUT, *Rector.*

Port Tobacco Parish, Charles County.

Baptisms for three years past,	160
Communicants,	200
(Increase since last report, 50,)	
Marriages,	27

Funerals, the number not known, but much less than usual. Sunday schools kept up during the spring, summer, and autumn months of each year. Children catechized from time to time.

The rector of this parish would mention, that in his three churches, not less than three hundred colored persons regularly attend. Forty of them are regular communicants. He should not forget to add, that he knows of no place where they are treated with more humanity than by the people of this parish.

The rector would say, that an afflictive dispensation for two years past, has prevented him from attending the convention. For several years he reported the commencement and completion of churches. As the churches under his care were in good order, his mind was directed to the importance of attempting to provide for the education of children. Since his last report, a substantial brick school house, sufficiently large for the accommodation of a hundred and fifty pupils, has been erected. It is built within a few yards of the dwelling of the rector, and on a lot adjoining the chapel grave yard; it belongs to the parish, and is under the entire control of the rector and vestry of the parish; it breathes "good will to all" children, without regard to sect, sex, or circumstances: it receives from the legislature an annual appropriation of two hundred dollars, this sum, with the amount subscribed in the neighborhood, keeps the doors open for daily instruction.

The rector has now almost completed thirteen years residence in this parish; how much longer he may continue, his Divine Master only knows. Churches still filled with respectful auditors, communicants still increasing, the general morals of the people evidently improving, does indeed encourage him to hope, that through God's grace, he has not laboured in vain. He endures some labour in preaching frequently, and performing the duties of a large parish. He would record with gratitude, that in a

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residence of thirteen years, the first of July, next, his churches have not been closed more than six Sundays, from sickness, or absence from the parish. But he is conscious, that he neither preaches, labours, or prays half enough.

LEMUEL WILMER, *Rector.*

King and Queen Parish, St. Mary's County.

Baptisms, white,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14
" colored,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	28—37
Funerals, white,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
" colored,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8—17
Marriages, white,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
" colored,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Communicants, added 3, total,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	41

T. BILLOPP, *Rector.*

William and Mary Parish, St. Mary's County.

Baptisms, infants, white,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14
" colored,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26—42
Communicants, last reported,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	95
" added,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7—102
Died 2, removed 3, withdrawn 1,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Present number,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	—95
Marriages, white 5, colored 3,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12

R. MITCHELL, *Rector.*

St. Andrew's Parish, St. Mary's County.

Baptisms, from 1st July, 1833, to 1st June, 1835,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	44
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15
Communicants last reported,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	52
Added,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
Died,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Present number,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	56

The state of the parish at present is very encouraging, the congregations on the Lord's day are large, attentive, and devout, and great harmony and strict adherence to the distinctive principles of the church, prevail throughout. The communicants, I am happy to say, adorn their profession, the consistency of their lives, and the support of the ministry, through the zealous exertions of an active vestry, and the liberality of the congregation, is well sustained.

JOHN CLAXTON, *Rector.*

Great Choptank Parish.

Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Deaths,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Communicants, added 1, died 2, total,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	29

J. JUDD, *Rector.*

St. Michael's Parish, Talbot County.

Baptisms, white,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
" colored,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Marriages, white,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
" coloured,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Communicants,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26

JOSEPH SPENCER, Rector.

St. Paul's Parish, Queen Ann's County.

The rector reports for the past year :

Baptisms, infants, white 7, colored 12,	-	-	-	-	19
Communicants last reported, 20, added 2,					
" present number,	-	-	-	-	22

Marriage, white 1,

Funerals, white 3,

Seventy dollars, to be appropriated to the use of the Domestic Missionary Society of this diocese, sixty five of which were obtained by monthly collections, upon the plan of Bishop Doane of New Jersey, and five by individual subscription.

ROBT. W. GOLDSBOROUGH.

Chester Parish, Chestertown.

Communicants, number last reported,	. . . . .	40
" added,	. . . . .	9—49
Baptisms,	. . . . .	7
Bible class,	. . . . .	13
Sunday school, boys 30, girls 58,	. . . . .	88

Considerable additions have been made to the furniture of the church. The Sunday school enjoys a higher degree of prosperity, than at any former period. Due support is extended to the bible, tract, and prayer book societies, pertaining to the parish. Three missionary associations have also been formed, (one on Bishop Doane's plan of weekly contributions) which have distributed, during the past year, the sum of \$216, between the foreign and diocesan missionary societies. On the whole, we have reason to infer that a measure of the divine blessing has been dispensed to us.

In St. Paul's parish, Kent county, I continue to officiate twice every month, until the services of a missionary can be obtained, and generally preach to a numerous audience.

CLEMENT F. JONES, Rector.

Trinity Church, Washington, D. C.

This church was committed to the charge of the present rector in November last, since which time, thirteen have been added to the communion ; two of whom were shortly afterwards removed by death. There have been three baptisms, two marriages, and twelve burials.

At an Episcopal visitation on the 24th of May, the rite of confirmation was administered to twenty one persons. The Sunday school is flourishing, and has lately become auxiliary to the General Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union. A female charity school, established during the incumbency of Rev. Henry V. D Johns, constitutes a very interesting and efficient instrument of christian benevolence. At present its benefits are extended to thirty-two children.

During the last six months much persevering zeal has been manifested by the ladies of the congregation, in originating and carrying into effect a plan for the extinguishment of a debt with which the church has long been oppressed. Their exertions, hitherto, have been successful beyond the most sanguine expectations. The missionary society of the diocese, within a few months past, has derived aid from this congregation to the amount of one hundred and fifty dollars.

EDWARD Y. HIGBEE, Rector.

Worcester Parish, Worcester County.

Communicants,	52
Baptisms,	5

JOHN WILEY, Rector.

All Hallows Parish, Worcester County.

Communicants,	56
Died,	3
Added,	6—59
Baptisms,	6

JOHN WILEY, Rector.

Report of the Rev. F. H. L. LAIRD, Principal of Salisbury Academy, and Rector of Spring Hill and Stepney Parishes, Somerset county.

I remained from the close of last convention until the first of December, in Trinity parish, Charles county, but having mislaid the transcript which I took from the registry of that parish, am unable to report the duties which I performed during that time in it. Since I removed hither I have baptised 1 white child in Spring Hill Parish, 1 white do and 2 colored do in Stepney : total, 4.

I found no list of communicants and have not been able to ascertain the number; 4 have been added. I have married 2 white and 2 colored in Spring Hill Parish, 1 white do in Stepney do, 1 white do in Somerset do, 1 white do in Sussex county, Delaware, total 7. Buried 4 adults in Spring Hill Parish.

The visit of the Rev. Mr. Holmead, agent of the Domestic Missionary Society, of our diocese, was kindly received by these parishes, and (notwithstanding Stepney Parish had one of her churches consumed by fire in the month of November last) they raised and paid over to him between fifty and sixty dollars, in furtherance of his agency. The remaining church in Stepney parish was erected in the year 1733, and is yet in good condition. The service of plate is marked, "Stepney Parish, Somerset Co. 1752."

On motion, it was unanimously *Resolved*, that this Convention wait on the *President of the United States*, at 6 o'clock this evening, and as a body to pay their respects to the chief magistrate.

Resolved, That the sum of fifty dollars be paid to the Secretary for his services during the present session of the Convention.

Resolved, That the sum of ten dollars be paid to the Sexton of Trinity Church, Washington city, for services on the present occasion.

Resolved, unanimously, That this Convention are very sensible of the great kindness and hospitality manifested by the citizens of Washington and Georgetown, during the session of this body; and in particular by the polite accommodation proffered as liberally, as kindly, by Mr. John Gadsby to the members of this Convention, and that an expression of their respectful acknowledgments be put upon the journal.

Adjourned at 3 o'clock, P. M. to meet in St. John's Church, at half past 5.

The Convention met at the time and place appointed. A hymn was sung, followed by prayer and benediction of the Bishop; when the house adjourned *sine die*, and then waited on the President of the United States.

WILLIAM M. STONE, *President*.

RICHARD M. HALL, *Secretary*.

SUMMARY OF THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS.—June 1st, 1835.

Parishes & Churches.	Where situated.	Minist'rs.	Baptisms.		Confirmed.	Communicants.				Marriages.	Funerals.	E. Schools.		Attending Bible class.	Week day Scholars.	Collections for benevolent purposes.	
			Infants.	Adults.		Died and moved.	Added.	Present.	Teach'rs.			Scholars.					
St. Paul's Parish,	Baltimore,	W. E. Wyatt, D. D.	68					322	14	55					120	Bible crosses \$420	
St. Peter's Church,	do	J. P. K. Henshaw, D. D.	35	6	36	20	22	989	20	27		58	430				Mimlony \$160
Christ's "	do	John Johns, D. D.	17			11		225	22			38	330					" $80
Trinity "	do	J. V. Barlow,	65	4	30	10	18	163	43	76							
St. John's "	Washington, D. C.	William Hawley,	21					112	12	6		27	244		32		
Christ's "	do	Frederick W. Hatch,			17			157									
Trinity "	do	Edward Y. Higbee,	3		21	2	13	140	2	12			20	36			
Rock Creek "	District of Columbia,	C. Wiltberger,	13	2	51	10	27	107	4	10							
St. Anne's Parish,	Annapolis,	G. McElhiney,	7				3	70	5	2		15	110	12	50		
St. James' "	Baltimore County,	J. McG. Dale,	10				4	39	2	6							
St. Thomas' "	do	Charles C. Austin,*															
St. Margaret's Church,	Anne Arundel County,	Henry Aisquith,	20			4	7	13	1	5							
St. James' Parish,	do	W. F. Chesley,	20			16	13	84	22	7							
All Hallows "	do	Lucien B. Wright,	26	1			6	27	4	10							
St. John's and Queen Caroline do	do	Hugh T. Harrison,	9					25	1	8							
St. George's and St. John's do	Harford County,	R. L. Goleborough,	22	7				37	3								
St. John's do	Balt. & Harford County,	John R. Keetch,*				8	25	108	9	33		10	60				" \$23
St. John's do	Prince George's "	F. D. Goodwin,	31			1	9	74	9	16							
St. Paul's do	do	G. L. Mackenheimer,	66														
Queen Ann's do	do																
St. Matthew's and St. Mat- thew's Churches.	do	W. A. Smallwood,	26			6	32	94	6	6		11	56				

There are in the diocese 68 parishes and churches, of number 15 are vacant, viz :

Christ Church,	Georgetown,	D. C.	
Specutie Parish,	Harford County,		
Christ's Church,	St. John's Parish,	Prince George's	(
William and Mary Parish,	Charles County,		
Trinity Parish,	Charles County,		
All Faith	"	St. Mary's County,	
Dorchester	"	Dorchester County,	
St. Peter's	"	Easton, Talbot County,	
St. Luke's	"	Queen Ann's County,	
St. Paul's	"	} Kent County,	
Shrewsbury	"		
Trinity Church,	Elkton,	} Cecil County,	
Church of North East,			
St. Mary Ann's Parish,			
St. Mark's	"		Frederick County.

LIST OF THE CLERGY
OF THE
DIOCESE OF MARYLAND,

June 1, 1835.

The Clergymen to whose names an asterisk () is prefixed, did not attend the meetings of the Convention.*

Right Rev. William Murray Stone, D. D. Bishop of the Diocese, residing in Salisbury, Somerset county.

***Rev. Walter D. Addison.**

“ **Henry Aisquith,** Rector of St. Margaret's Church, Westminster Parish, Anne Arundel County.

“ **Charles C. Austin,** Rector of St. Thomas' Parish, Baltimore County.

“ ***John V. Bartow,** Rector of Trinity Church, Baltimore.

“ ***Thomas Bayne,** residing at Easton.

“ **Henry H. Bean,** Rector of St. Peter's Parish, Montgomery County, and Zion Parish, Frederick county.

“ **Thomas Billopp,** Rector of King and Queen Parish, residing at Chaptico, St. Mary's county.

“ **William F. Chesley,** Rector of St. James' Parish, Anne Arundel County.

“ **John Claxton,** Rector of St. Andrew's Parish, St. Mary's County.

“ **John Coleman,** Rector of St. Stephen's Parish, Cecil County.

“ **James McG. Dale,** Rector of St. James' Parish, Baltimore County.

“ ***C. F. Dana.**

“ **John Delaplane,** Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Hancock, Washington County.

“ ***James Doughen,** Rector of All Saint's Parish, Calvert County.

“ **R. B. Drane,** Rector of St. John's Church, Hagerstown.

“ ***William Duke,** residing in Elkton, Cecil County.

Rev. **John Forman*, residing in Poplar Town, Worcester County.

" *Levin I. Gilliss*, Rector of Prince George's and Bartholomew's Parishes, Montgomery County.

" *Robert W. Goldsborough*, Rector of St. Paul's Parish, Centreville, Queen Ann's County.

" *Robert Lloyd Goldsborough*, Rector of St. George and St. John's Parishes, Harford County.

" *Frederick D. Goodwin*, Rector of St. Paul's Parish, Prince George's County.

" **Henry B. Goodwin*, Charles County.

" *F. R. Hanson*, Missionary to China.

" *Matthias Harris*, Rector of Christ's Church Parish, Calvert County.

" *Hugh T. Harrison*, Rector of St. John's and St. Peter's Churches, Queen Caroline Parish, Anne Arundel County.

" *Frederick W. Hatch*, Rector of Christ's Church, Washington City.

" *William Hawley*, Rector of St. John's Church, Washington city.

" *J. P. K. Henshaw*, D. D. Rector of St. Peter's Church, Baltimore.

" *Edward Y. Higbee*, Rector of Trinity Church, Washington city.

" *Alfred Holmead*, residing in Baltimore.

" **Hector Humphreys*, D. D., Principal of St. John's College, Annapolis.

" *John John's*, D. D., Rector of Christ's Church, Baltimore.

" *Henry V. D. Johns*, Rector of All Saint's Parish, Frederick city.

" *Leonard H. Johns*, Missionary at Catoctin Furnace, Point of Rocks, and Pleasant Valley.

" **Clement F. Jones*, Rector of Chester Parish, Chestertown, Kent County.

" *Norris M. Jones*, residing in St. Mary's County.

" *Jonathan Judd*, Rector of Great Choptank Parish, Dorchester County.

" **John R. Keech*, St. John's Parish, Baltimore and Harford Counties.

" *F. H. L. Laird*, Rector of Spring Hill, and St. Peter's Parishes, Somerset County.

" *Thaddeus Minor Leavenworth*, Missionary at Cumberland and Alleghany County.

" *George McElhinney*, Rector of St. Ann's Parish, Annapolis.

Rev. George L. Mackenheimer, Queen Ann Parish, Prince George's County.

" **James A. McKenney.*

" **John H. Marsden.*

" *A. T. K. McCallum*, Baltimore.

" *Andrew T. McCormick*, residing in Washington city.

" *R. Mitchell*, Rector of William and Mary Parish, St. Mary's County.

" *William Pinkney*, Rector of Somerset and Coventry Parishes, Somerset County.

" *Robert Prout*, Rector of Durham Parish, Charles County.

" **Thomas Reid.*

" **J. J. Robertson*, Missionary to Greece.

" *William A. Smallwood*, Rector of Zion and St. Matthew's Churches, Prince George's County.

" **Purnell F. Smith*, residing at Georgetown, Kent County.

" *Joseph Spencer*, D. D. Rector of St. Michael's Parish, Talbot County.

" *John Swan*, Rector of Trinity Church, Upper Marlborough.

" *Fitch W. Taylor.*

" *John Wiley*, Rector of All Hallows and Worcester Parishes, Poplar-town, Worcester County.

" *Ralph Williston*, residing in Baltimore.

" *Lemuel Wilmer*, Rector of Port Tobacco Parish, Charles County.

" *Christian Wiltberger*, Rector of Rock Creek Parish, D. C.

" *John Woart*, Rector of Broad Creek Parish, Prince George's County.

" *Lucien B. Wright*, Rector of All Hallows Parish, Anne Arundel County.

" *William E. Wyatt*, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's Parish, Baltimore.

" **William Levington*, (colored) Rector of St. James' first African, P. E. Church, Baltimore.

" **William Douglass*, (colored) Deacon, Cecil County.

LIST OF THE LAY DELGATES,

Who attended the Convention, and of the Parishes and Churches which they represented.

Mr. Samuel I. Donaldson, St. Paul's Parish, Baltimore.

" **Alexander C. Magruder**, St. Ann's Parish, Annapolis.

" **William Krebs**, St. Peter's Church, Baltimore.

" **Horatio C. Scott**, Trinity Church, Upper Marlborough.

" **W. L. Marbury**, Christ Church, Prince George's co.

" **Washington Berry**, Rock Creek, Parish, Washington county, D. C.

" **George Thomas**, All Faith Parish, St. Mary's county.

" **James A. Bond**, Christ Church Parish, Calvert county.

" **T. J. Dorsett**, All Hallow's Parish, Anne Arundel co.

" **Henry A. Callis**, Broad Creek Parish, Prince George's county.

" **Charles R. Stewart**, St. Margaret's Church, Westminster Parish, Anne Arundel co.

" **Richard S. Coxe**, Trinity Church, Washington city.

" **David Trundle**, St. Peter's Parish, Montgomery co.

" **Jeremiah Yellott**, St. James' Parish Baltimore co.

" **William Matthews**, Trinity Parish, Charles co.

" **John W. Magruder**, St. Bartholomew's Parish, Montgomery co.

" **J. G. Chapman**, Port Tobacco Parish, Charles co.

" **William H. Tilghman**, St. John's Parish.

" **Benjamin J. Dashiell**, Spring Hill Parish, Somerset co.

" **Thomas A. Emory**, St. Paul's Parish, Queen Ann co.

" **Alexander Greer**, Durham Parish, Charles co.

" **Jeremiah Nichols**, St. Paul's Church, Kent co.

" **T. H. Wilkinson**, All Saint's Parish, Calvert co.

" **George S. Hollyday**, Chester Parish, Kent co.

" **Archibald Henderson**, Washington Parish, Washington city.

" **James T. Johnson**, Zion Parish, Frederick co.

" **Samuel Hambleton**, St. Michael's Parish, Talbot co.

" **Judson W. McKnew**, Zion Church, Prince George's co.

" **Charles J. Kilgour**, Prince George's Parish, Montgomery do.

" **Richard Thomas**, William and Mary Parish, St. Mary's county.

" **Samuel Sprigg**, Queen Ann Parish, Prince George's county.

- Mr. *Samuel G. Smith*, St. George's Parish, Harford county.
 " *Henry Hollingsworth*, St. Mary Ann's Church at North East, Cecil co.
 " *John W. Stump*, St. John's Parish, Harford co.
 " *Richard Potts*, All Saint's Parish, Frederick co.
 " *John Thomas*, St. James' Parish, Anne Arundel co.
 " *Urban Hollyday*, St. Paul's Parish, Prince George's county.
 Dr. *Hanson Penn*, St. Matthew's Church, Prince George's county.
 Mr. *John E. Hayward*, All Hallow's Parish, Worcester co.
 " *John H. Stewart*, Somerset Parish, Somerset co.
 Dr. *W. H. Briscoe*, St. Andrew's Parish, St. Mary's do.
 Mr. *Peter G. Washington*, St. John's Church, Washington city.
 " *Benjamin M. Miller*, Ohirst's Church, Georgetown, D. C.

<i>Number of Clergy in the Diocese at the last</i>						
<i>Convention,</i>	-	-	-	-	-	59
<i>Added,</i>	-	-	-	-	-	12—71
<i>Died,</i>	-	-	-	-	-	8
<i>Removed to other Dioceses,</i>	-	-	-	-	-	2—5
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<i>Present number,</i>	-	-	-	-	-	66
<i>Attended the Convention,</i>	-	-	-	-	-	48
<i>Absent,</i>	-	-	-	-	-	18—66
<i>Total number of Clergy and Laity composing the Convention.</i>						
<i>Clergy,</i>	-	-	-	-	-	48
<i>Laity,</i>	-	-	-	-	-	43—91

The next Annual Convention will be held in Frederick City on the last Wednesday in May, 1836.

FORM OF A PAROCHIAL REPORT.

_____ *Parish*, _____ *County*, *May* —, 18.

Baptisms,	-	Adults, white	—, colored	—, =	—	}	- - -	—
"		Infants, do	—, do	—, =	—	}	- - -	—
Confirmed,	- - -	white	—, colored	—, -	- - -	-	- - -	—
Communicants,	last reported	—, added	—, -	- - -	—	}	- - -	—
"	died	—, removed	—, withdrawn	—, suspended	-	}	- - -	—
Marriages,	- - -	white	—, colored	—, -	- - -	-	- - -	—
Funerals,	- - -	do	—, do	—, -	- - -	-	- - -	—
Sunday Schools,	Male Teachers	—, Scholars	—	}	Teachers,	—	-	—
"	Female do	—, do	—	}	Scholars,	—	-	—
Bible Classes,	Male Members	—, Female members	—	-	-	-	-	—
Weekday Schools,	number of scholars,	- - - - -	-	-	-	-	-	—

Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the church.

Remarks by the Rector.

Place of residence particularly designated.

_____ —, *Rector*.





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PASTORAL LETTER

ADDRESSED TO THE DIOCESE

OF

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OF

MARYLAND,

May 27th, 1835,

BY

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PASTORAL LETTER.

Respected Brethren :

In complying with the requisitions of the *twenty-seventh* Canon, which render it my duty to address to the members of the Diocese at convenient intervals a Pastoral Letter, I have been desirous to select such a scope of remark, as my peculiar relation to you may be supposed to render at the same time most appropriate, and of the greatest practical utility. I shall not therefore now direct your attention to any one of those "Articles of Faith" which the Church, or the usual system of pulpit instruction may cause to be discussed. But I shall merely claim the privilege of urging upon you a faithful adherence to several of those means of carrying on the work of grace in your own hearts, and among the members of your families, which means, from having no peculiar season allotted to the consideration of them, are more likely to be slightly regarded.

The first that I shall name is the devout and scrupulous regard to the sanctity and purposes of the Lord's day.

The duties appropriate to Sunday are not of such trivial consequence, that, being performed when convenient, they may be omitted at pleasure, without any offence to God or injury to ourselves. In addressing myself to those who believe in the divine institution of the Jewish Sabbath, and in the transfer of its sanctity, and religious obligations to the first day of the week, otherwise called the Lord's day, it cannot be necessary to bring forward any scriptural proof in support of its claim to our regard. My object is merely to point out the best mode of giving full efficiency to the observances of that holy day. In order to carry into the duties thereof a devout and fervent spirit, attain as much preparation of heart on the preceding night, as time and circumstances will permit. Avoid, *then*, as far as possible, all those engagements and occupations which are most likely to dissipate the mind, or to leave upon it a vivid impression of wordly pleasure or care. Teach yourself to look forward

with mingled hope and fear, desire and trembling, to the sacred privileges awaiting you, and remember that your eternal destiny might turn upon your mode of improving the approaching day.

When the christian Sabbath begins to dawn, do not say within yourselves, "I may now indulge protracted slumbers in the morning, as I have no secular concerns calling me to wakefulness and energy." But ask if you have no duties of a spiritual character to perform, that summon you to be up and doing; no unrepented sins that call for deep heartfelt contrition; no graces in imperfect exercise; no habits to be vigorously assailed? An impartial retrospect of the past week and of your past life, would soon banish a tendency to slothful indulgence, and bring to your recollection how much time has been spent in idleness and folly. Reflection upon this, if properly improved, would cause you to retire to your closets, there to unburden a guilty conscience, there to pour out your souls before God in acts of prayer and praise, praise for his past forbearance, and prayer for his continued patience and mercy. The omission of such important duties, shows a forgetfulness of God, and an alienation of the heart from him, which ought to awaken in us the deepest apprehensions. Ask yourselves then whether you delight in the performance of the duties of prayer, reading the holy scriptures, and self-examination. By prayer we become transformed into the likeness of the blessed Redeemer, by reading the bible with prayerful attention we become wise unto salvation, and by self-examination we become acquainted with the corruption of our own hearts; are brought to see the necessity of the plan of redeeming love, and are moved to "look unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith." A faithful compliance with the duties just enumerated, will lead to the performance of another often neglected duty—I mean the *public worship of God*.

This duty is more immediately connected with the christian Sabbath, as *private* prayer is the duty of *every* day. It is indeed a lamentable consideration, that so many are negligent and irregular in waiting upon the Lord in his holy sanctuary. In an age like the present, when so many things assuming the appearance of novelty, captivate and allure the unthinking multitude, and draw them off from the line of duty, the utmost caution should be employed by those whose station imparts to them a salutary influence over others, by precept and example to cherish respect for the Lord's day. Nothing can be more important to the public welfare. In some sections of the country, when a minister goes to church,

he has no assurance that he shall find his flock waiting with anxious expectation to hear from his lips the words of eternal life. That must in a great measure depend on a variety of circumstances beyond his control ; and while he has toiled, and prayed, and wept before God for the souls of his people, some novel exhibition in the neighborhood, some tumultuous assembly, or strangely modulated voice, or extravagant gesture, is allowed to attract the gaping crowd, and divert them from the wholesome doctrines of the gospel of Christ. How discouraging this neglect is to a minister whose practice is to be regularly found at his post, I need not remark.

Others venture to offer excuses for absence from worship, which they would consider insufficient to detain them from any place of secular duty, profit or pleasure. A cloudy morning or an occasional visiter will keep many from church, who will travel through storms and tempests, rather than neglect the smallest temporal concern. Some hesitate to expose their servants and carriages in attending the house of God, while they scruple not at all, for their own pleasure, to expose them at night, and in tempestuous weather. One practice which prevails more or less in every section of the diocese, I must mention with the utmost reprobation, that of *receiving and paying visits on the Lord's day*. In the visiter this is as great a violation of wordly decorum as of religious obligation. For in many cases, it compels his host, whatever may be his secret regret and disappointment, to accept the idle chat of an indevout companion, as a substitute for the precious privileges (private or public) of the Lord's day. By this means the worship of God is neglected, his authority is insulted, the sanctity of the Sabbath is violated, the means of grace are allowed to produce no lasting impression, and the ministers of Christ are inevitably left to mourn over the declining state of religion and of morals. This sacrifice of spiritual improvement is not confined to the persons who occasion it ; it exerts a certain influence on the minds of your children and domestics. The former deprived of their religious instructions, the latter of their rest from labor, actually robbed of the privilege which God had mercifully allotted them on his Sabbath, they cease to reverence the day and its divine institution. Light and trifling conversation is suffered to occupy the season which should be attended with hopes and meditations full of immortality. Under the existence of such a state of things, the decay of parishes, and the growth of infidelity, are the sure and certain consequences. Trivial is the excuse for your own neglect of homage to God ; that you do not prevent your families from attending church, but that

upon all suitable occasions, you recommend the duty of attendance on the means of grace. This is not in conformity with the maxim founded upon universal experience—that example is more efficacious than precept. While you neglect so important a duty, there is little reason to hope, that your children will duly appreciate privileges which they see so lightly esteemed by their parents. Are your children now afflicting you by living without the love and fear of God? Ask yourself what has been the influence of your example in this respect. Its effects may be as injurious to servants, who, from neglected education, soon learn to slight sacred things, even with the best example set before them.

But I proceed to the consideration of another point, intimately connected with the former. I mean *family worship*.

A sufficient scriptural command for the performance of family worship, is comprehended in such passages as these; “I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment; that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him—and these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart. And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sitteth in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.” “Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old he will not depart from it.” There are many such in the sacred volume. And we have also many examples recorded in the scriptures which have the force of a command. The limits assigned to this address, not allowing full discussion of any topic, I can only refer to the history of the characters alluded to, where you will find that Abraham, Joshua, Job and David, were distinguished examples, under the old testament dispensation, of having worshipped at the family altar. We have too the example of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who often retired from the multitude with his disciples for religious exercises, which partook of the nature of family worship. “He being alone praying,” (having retired from the multitude) “and his disciples with him.” God may train children for immortality without it. But the due performance of this duty is essential to faithfulness on our part, in bringing them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Parental authority is but a feeble instrument where children are devoid of religious restraint. Whatever control they may feel, is apt to be of a servile character, and is thrown off as soon as the sense of dependence or interest is withdrawn.

Again, can you reconcile it to your consciences to omit the best means of uniting the hearts of your children to each other, as well as to their parents? Can you justify before God neglect of so important a duty, while you have access to your prayer book, and to the many other aids which the press affords? Should your children become profligate, and abandoned, and a burden to society, will you not then with unavailing compunction, take shame to yourselves, that you did not early instill into their minds the principles of piety? None can tell how soon their minds may conceive a love of God, and a reverence for holy things. The seeds of piety, sown in early life, are not likely to be rooted out by the enemy, but will spring up at least in mature age, and bring forth the pleasant fruits of righteousness and true holiness. Do you hope, on the wings of faith and love, to reach the courts of heaven, and would you not carry your children thither with you? Neglect not to establish a family altar, and morning and night with them bend in humble supplication before the great disposer of all, and secure the promise of pardon and eternal life.

I feel it my duty to urge upon you strongly the performance of another duty, to the neglect of which, by many of the members of our church, is to be attributed many of the evils over which our Zion mourns,—the duty of providing effectually for the maintenance of your ministers. On this I enlarged so fully in my *Primary charge*, that further notice of it might not now be expected, did not the small regard paid in certain parishes to what was then delivered render a repetition of the same truths indispensable. Indeed I must acknowledge, that the same cause of complaint still grievously exists; and there is a discreditable indifference in many country parishes, to provide due maintenance and accommodation for their ministers. Endeavoring not to view the subject in the most unfavorable light, I must still say, that it is an act of cruelty, injustice and impiety, to withhold from those who for the gospel's sake abandon other means of support, the compensation ordained by the great proprietor of all, for labouring in the word and doctrine. It is indeed painful to reflect on the privations and sorrows which many clergy suffer, while those to whom they minister, are surrounded by the most luxurious accommodations. This is not necessary in the poorest parishes, for there are articles which might be conveniently spared even from the provisions for a peasant's family, where money could not be obtained, that would materially improve the condition and comforts of the family of a minister in an *obscure situation*. I do not consider it

again necessary to adduce scriptural proofs in support of the duty recommended. If we should overlook their claim as ambassadors for Christ, and benefactors of men engaged in the most exalted of all pursuits, that of promulgating the everlasting gospel; common justice speaks in the language of the apostle, that "the labourer is worthy of his hire."

It will not, I am sure, be thought in Maryland, that *pecuniary* contributions are *all* to which, in the character of Christ's ministers, they have a claim. The facility of keeping up in the diocese a regular supply of pastors, as parishes may become vacant, will greatly depend upon the kindness which the clerical body experience in society. The clergy and their families are no less social in their character and feelings than others. After removing hither from distant States, they have no wide family circle to which to look for comfort in sadness, aid in difficulty, and that easy, cordial, social intercourse upon which much of the quiet enjoyment of life depends. They are not only thrown as strangers upon your hospitality, at the moment of their introduction into your villages, but strangers they might continue, shut up within their own retired abode for many years, solitary in the midst of all the endearments and fellowship which others are enjoying, unless it is admitted, that, as brothers in the christian community, they belong to all of you. Remember the apostolic admonition,—"**Know them that labor among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you. Receive them with all gladness. Pray for them, and esteem them highly in love for their work's sake.**"

I am sometimes told that there are parishioners in the diocese who desire their minister to violate his obligations to the church by departure from its usages, and disregard of its canons, for the gratification of their taste or caprice. No considerations of interest, no hope of popular favor, should ever cause the clergy to forget for a moment the solemn vows assumed at their ordination, "to conform to the doctrine, discipline, and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church." Let the congregations examine the law under which the clergy are conscientiously bound to act in their public ministrations. "Every minister shall, before all sermons and lectures, and on all other occasions of public worship, use the Book of Common Prayer, as the same is, or may be established by the authority of the General Convention of this Church. And in performing said service, no other prayer shall be used than those prescribed by the said book." (Can. 45.) When then you may be disposed to complain that our formularies *are long*, remember that we are under obligations no less *solemn* than an oath, to adhere to the mode of worship which

the wisdom, and piety, and experience, of the church have prescribed in the rubrics; and that we can neither add to, alter nor shorten them at discretion. The mind of that man must be inflated with pride, who would insist upon a course in opposition to that prescribed by the wisdom and experience of the church. And it would call in question the soundness of his judgment, if not the sincerity of his piety, to be insensible of the excellencies of that form of sound doctrine in which our fathers delighted to worship.

In order that you may be always kept mindful of the characteristics of the church to which you belong, and interested in her temporal and spiritual concerns, I would advise you to take some Episcopal periodical published in this country. The gratification of having a weekly messenger to announce the transactions and incidents, taking place in the church, would tend to excite an interest in her concerns, and to make you zealous for the enlargement of her borders, and the increase of vital piety. Situated as many are, in retired villages, and remote from the sources of intelligence, unless information be obtained through the medium of the press, they will remain ignorant of the vicissitudes and claims of the church. In almost every family there are also young persons, whose inquiring minds would lead them to take up a weekly paper, when larger works might lie untouched upon the shelf. There are very few families in which I do not see a political paper, while those that are devoted to the interests of religion and the church are too often neglected. So great is the indifference manifested towards the subject of religious information, that many of our periodicals find great difficulty in sustaining the expense of publication, and several have ceased to exist through want of patronage. Should christians feel more concern in the political affairs of the country, than in the prosperity of the church of Christ, to which they belong? The kingdoms of this world, with all their glory and power, will pass away, while the kingdom of Christ shall endure till time shall be no longer. Let this important truth press upon your minds, when you are in danger of trifling with the concerns of eternity. In connexion with this subject, I would urge you to provide yourselves with one approved commentary, as a guide to the better understanding of the holy scriptures. There are many parts of sacred writ, which to the superficial reader, unacquainted with the idiom of the languages, and the customs of the age in which they were written, are obscure, if not unintelligible. The learned by deep research into the oriental languages and customs, have been enabled to throw light, where all before appeared *darkness*, and to reconcile what first appeared irre-

concilable contradictions. The bishops of our church generally have recommended the commentary of D'Oyley and Mant, which has been reprinted in this country under the auspices of the late Bishop Hobart, who added many valuable articles to the original work. But be guarded against those, however popular, which teach doctrines contrary to the scriptures and standards of the church. Remember that all such works are the productions of fallible men; that they may hold doctrines not consistent with the sacred records which they attempt to explain; and therefore using only such as are properly sanctioned, search with prayer for truth for yourselves, while you resort to commentaries for aid, not ~~as~~ infallible guidance. In adopting another course, and reading any glosses contrary to the church standards, you lay yourselves open to be misled, your understanding subverted, and carried away with every wind of doctrine. But making yourselves acquainted with the language and sense of scripture, you will be more profited by hearing the preached word, and better able to appreciate the merits of a sermon. The ministers of Christ would then not so often complain in the language of the prophet, "who hath believed our report," but would be encouraged by its manifest fruits to declare plainly and unreservedly the whole counsel of God.

For the furtherance of so inestimable a blessing as a preached gospel, let me entreat you, not to neglect to keep your churches in a state of comfortable repair. Many of those edifices were built by our fathers, who have left them to us as a sacred inheritance; and it cannot be thought a hard requisition to preserve them from dilapidation. If you love your children, and wish to see them escape the pollutions of sin, and the horrors of infidelity, let them have no excuse from your neglect in this matter, to absent themselves from the temple of the Lord. The money thus expended in adding to the beauty, as well as comfort of your churches, will pay an abundant interest in the pleasure with which your children will regard public worship. It will be better to them than amassed wealth which will avail nothing beyond the grave.

In order to secure the prosperity of our parishes, be careful whom you select as vestrymen. Let them be men exemplary for their holy lives, and sound faith. Although they are not spiritual officers, and their duties relate to the temporal concerns of the parish, yet, if they are unholy men, and live regardless of eternal things, how can you hope for the divine guidance and blessing upon their agency for the church? How can they feel the same interest in the prosperity of a parish, as those whose hearts are given up to

their God and Saviour? From injudicious selections, our church has suffered through want of faithful friends in times of difficulty and trial. In an age like the present, when she has to contend against all the arts and prejudices of various sects, how important is it to have men in prominent stations, who will not retreat from danger, but press on in the faithful discharge of their duties. The success of a minister may often depend very much upon an efficient vestry, who will co-operate with him in such measures as are best calculated to secure the interest of the parish. Take care that you do nothing to impair his usefulness, lest you should be found fighting against God.

As I do not wish to encroach unnecessarily upon your time and patience, I will call your attention to but one more subject. Fearing that many are unacquainted with the distinctive principles of the church, the body of Christ, as they are laid down in her formularies and articles of religion, may I beg of you to give the subject that attention which its importance demands. It often arises, no doubt, from ignorance of her excellencies, that so little zeal is manifested in regard to the peculiar claims of our church. Many, perhaps, who will read this may not know wherein we differ from other christians, and may think that the line of demarcation is merely imaginary. Can it be necessary [in the nineteenth century to combat this erroneous impression with professing churchmen? Do you not know, that for fifteen hundred years, the claims of an apostolic ministry to divine right were never disputed; and can you see no difference between her and the different sectaries that have sprung up within the last three hundred years? As churchmen it is your duty to learn what is, and what is not the church. Scorn the weak and the wicked impulse to regard slightly the institutions of Christ, for the sake of being esteemed *liberal*. Be willing to take up your cross and be called a bigot, if the world, or ill instructed christians would so consider your love for Christ's body. Blessed with a valid ministry and a pure gospel, live up to your privileges which are many and great, and show to an ungodly world, by your life and conversation, that you are the followers of those who through faith and patience have inherited the promises." Should you neglect or lightly esteem the privileges which you enjoy within the pale of the episcopal church, how great will be your condemnation. But I hope better things of you, and things which accompany salvation, though duty compels me thus to warn you. I will conclude by earnestly entreating you to reflect seriously and examine yourselves candidly upon the subjects which have been suggested.

They are truly important, and your present peace and future happiness are intimately connected with them.

My Rev. Brethren, I cannot conclude this pastoral letter, without addressing a few words of affectionate advice to you whom I sincerely love and respect as ministers of the Lord Jesus Christ. Desiring to cherish a deep sense of the high responsibilities attached to the ministerial office, let all of us at *stated seasons often recurring*, study the ordination services. Let us meditate with earnest prayer upon every *portion* of those offices. By adopting this course, the vows which we made at the altar will be better understood, and the impression made upon our minds more deep and lasting. Were we frequently reminded of our ordination vows, our consciences would be more apt to reprove us when we stepped aside from the line of duty; and we should feel less disposed to relax our efforts in the cause of our divine master. The reformation of morals, the awakening of consciences, the cultivation of piety, the extension of the gospel, and the salvation of souls, depend very much upon our feeble efforts. The Almighty works by means, and he has been pleased to appoint an order of men to minister in holy things, that, through their efforts, sinners may be awakened to a sense of their danger, and brought to a knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus. Let us be constant and assiduous in discharging with zeal and fidelity the duties of our sacred office, and surely the promised reward will more than compensate for all our labors.

Young ministers, who are unaccustomed to disappointments, are too apt to be discouraged, and suffer the ardor of their zeal to abate from opposition. But a more thorough acquaintance with the corruption of human nature will teach us to expect it, and that it is only by persevering exertions we can overcome the deep rooted prejudices of the human heart. Had the first preachers of the gospel been discouraged, and allowed their exertions to flag in consequence of the opposition which they met with, instead of enjoying the pure light of the gospel, we might now have been enveloped in pagan darkness. So far from being discouraged, let us rejoice that we may suffer trial in any form for his name, and be thankful that God, having been pleased to raise up a succession of men in the ministry, has honored us so highly as to call us to it; and let us continually pray, that through good report and evil report, we may never be ashamed to declare the whole counsel of God.

Most truly,

Your affectionate Diocesan,

WILLIAM M. STONE.

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FREDERICK CITY, *Wednesday, May 25th, 1836.*

On this day, being the time appointed for the meeting of the Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Maryland, divine service was celebrated in All Saints' Church.

The morning prayer was read by the Rev'd. John P. Robinson ; the convention sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Drane.

The Lord's supper was administered by the Right Rev. Bishop Stone, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Drane, Rev. H. V. D. Johns and Rev'd. Mr. Robinson.

RULES OF ORDER.

1st. The business of every day shall be introduced with prayer.

2d. This convention shall sit for the despatch of business, from nine o'clock, A. M., until three o'clock, P. M.

3d. Every member shall take his seat when the President takes the chair, and remain uncovered until the convention adjourn.

4th. At the opening of each session of the convention, as soon as the President takes the chair, the names of the clergy, who were entitled to seats at the preceding convention, shall be called over by the Secretary of the last convention ; or, in case of his absence, by a Secretary, pro. tem., to be appointed by the President. The lay delegates shall lay their certificates of appointment on the table of the Secretary, and subscribe the declaration required by the constitution. If a constitutional quorum be found present, the President shall thereupon declare the fact, and announce that the convention is organized, and ready for business. A secretary shall be elected. The following committees shall then be appointed by the chair : one of elec-

tions, to consist of three, (to whom the testimonials of the lay delegates shall be referred;) one on accounts, to consist of three; and one on the rights of clergymen to seats in this convention, to consist of three clergymen.

5th. If the Bishop of the Diocese shall not be present at any meeting of the convention, at the opening of the same, the names of the clergy who were entitled to seats at the preceding convention, shall be called over by the secretary of the last convention; or, in case of his absence, by the first named member of the standing committee who may be present.

The lay delegates shall lay their certificates of appointment on the table, and subscribe the declaration required by the constitution. If a constitutional quorum be present, a President, pro tempore, shall be elected, agreeably to the seventh article of the constitution. A Secretary shall be elected; and then the chair shall appoint the several committees mentioned in the fourth rule of order.

6th. The standing committee for the preceding year shall be the committee on the state of the church; and all parochial reports shall be referred to the said committee.

7th. Every member who shall deliver his opinion, or speak in any debate, shall stand up in his place; and with respect and decency, address himself to the President.

8th. If two or more members shall rise to speak at the same time, the President shall declare which shall speak first.

9th. No member shall speak more than twice in any debate, except with leave; nor shall any member be interrupted while he is speaking in order. And if any member shall rise to speak more than twice on the same question, without leave, the President shall call him to order.

10th. Any member called to order by the President, or by a member, shall thereupon take his seat.

11th. When the convention is sitting, no member shall speak to another, so as to interrupt any member who may be speaking in a debate.

12th. No motion shall be debated until the same be seconded; and, if desired by the President, reduced to writing, and read by the Secretary.

13th. When a motion is made and seconded, the matter of the motion shall receive a determination by the question, unless postponed by a motion for postponement, or by the previous question, before any other motion shall be received.

14th. If a question in debate contain more parts than one, any member may have the same divided into as many questions as there are parts.

15th. All questions of order shall be decided by the President. Upon all questions of order there shall be a right of appeal from the decision of the presiding officer to the convention.

16th. No member shall absent himself from the service of the convention, unless he may have leave, or be unable to attend.

17th. A question being once determined, shall stand as the judgment of the convention; and shall not be again drawn into debate during the same session, except with the consent of two-thirds of the convention.

18th. The foregoing rules of order shall be deemed and considered the rules of order of all future conventions, until altered or rescinded; and the same shall be published in the journal of each convention.

The names of clergymen entitled to seats at the last convention were called over by the Secretary, agreeably to the 4th Rule of order. The following answered to their names.

Rt. Rev. WILLIAM M. STONE, D. D., *Bishop of the Diocese and President of the Convention.*

Rev. Henry Asquith,	Rev. John Johns, D. D.
“ John V. Bartow,	“ Henry V. D. Johns,
“ John Delaplane,	“ Leonard H. Johns,
“ Robert B. Drane,	“ John R. Keech,
“ Levin I. Gilliss,	“ Geo. L. Mackenheimer,
“ Robt. W. Goldsborough,	“ George McElhiney,
“ R. Lloyd Goldsborough,	“ Robert Prout,
“ Fred’k. D. Goodwin,	“ Joseph Spencer, D. D.
“ Hugh T. Harrison,	“ John Swan,
“ J. P. K. Henshaw, D.D.	“ Wm. E. Wyatt, D. D.

The following named lay delegates presented their testimonials and signed the declaration required by the constitution.

Mr. Richard Potts,	Mr. Horatio Wilcoxon,
“ Samuel Hambleton,	“ Grafton Tyler,
“ G. C. Grammer,	“ Nathaniel Knight,
“ Zachariah L. Magruder,	“ Benjamin Mullikin,
“ William Lynch,	“ John Cook,
“ Dr. Walter H. Briscoe,	“ William T. Read,

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Mr. John H. Simmons,	Mr. Charles W. Howard,
“ James Howard,	“ Hugh Davey Evans,
“ Wm. M. Maynadier,	“ Richard H. Waters,
“ Augustus Miller,	“ Dr. John E. Berry.

A constitutional quorum being present, the chair announced that the convention was ready to proceed to business.

Mr. Richard M. Hall was re-elected Secretary.

The following committees were appointed by the President.

On the rights of Clergymen to seats in this Convention.

Rev. Dr. Spencer, Rev. Dr. Johns, Rev. Mr. Gilliss.

On Elections of Lay Delegates.

Mr. Potts, Mr. Cook, Mr. James Howard.

On Parochial Contributions.

Rev. Mr. Drane, Mr. H. D. Evans, Mr. Knight.

On Accounts.

Rev. Mr. Keech, Mr. Grammer, Mr. Maynadier.

It was on motion, *Resolved*, that clergymen from other dioceses, candidates for Holy orders and students of divinity, be admitted to honorary seats in this convention.

The following resolutions were submitted, seconded, and unanimously adopted.

Resolved, that this convention recognise the constitution of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society adopted by the last *General Convention*, as presenting a principle of membership not less just than comprehensive, and in the spirit of christian obligation to advance its interests, affectionately desire to impress upon the people of this diocese the prayerful recommendation with which that constitution most appropriately concludes.

Resolved, that this convention, with a view to afford the Rev'd. Dr. Milnor, whose presence in this diocese is a subject of gratification, an opportunity of presenting the claims of the Society to the support of Episcopalians in Maryland, request the rector of the church in Frederick, to tender his pulpit for that purpose after the morning service to-morrow.

Resolved, that Dr. Milnor be invited to submit such statements of facts and incidents as he may deem interesting, at a meeting to be especially held for that purpose.

Adjourned until 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, May 26th.

The convention met at 9 o'clock this morning. A congregation also assembled at the same time.

The morning prayer was read by the Rev'd. Dr. Spencer.

An address on the subject of Foreign missions was delivered by the Rev'd. Dr. Milnor, agreeably to the resolution passed yesterday.

The following clergymen appeared and took their seats: Rev. Henry H. Bean, Rev. William Hawley, Rev. Clement F. Jones, Rev. R. Mitchell, Rev. William Pinkney, Rev. C. Wiltberger, Rev. John Coleman, Rev. William F. Chesley.

The following lay-delegates presented their certificates of appointment; (which were approved) signed the declaration as required, and took their seats:—Mr. Thomas Turner, Mr. William A. Spencer, Mr. John Thomas, Mr. Frisby Tilghman, Mr. Trueman Belt, Mr. John H. Dodson, Jr., Mr. Robert Neilson.

The Bishop then delivered his annual address, as follows:

Brethren, the Clergy and Lay Delegates:

At the expiration of another Conventional year, divine Providence again affords us an opportunity of engaging in the business of the Diocese of Maryland, and of endeavoring to advance the Redeemer's cause. It should be a subject of gratitude to God, that during the past year, not one of our Clergy has been removed by death. Where the work is so great, and the agents so few, this is a great mercy. But the time is short. Let the consideration excite us to renewed efforts in the responsible duties attached to the ministerial office.

The following list will show the number of churches which I have visited; and also the Episcopal acts which I have performed.

On Friday evening the 29th of May, the day on which the convention adjourned, I admitted the Rev. Robert L. Goldsborough into the holy order of Priests, in Trinity church, Washington city. Rev. Dr. Wyatt preached the ordination sermon.

On Sunday 31st of May, I admitted into the holy order of Deacons, in St. John's church, Washington city, Mr. Joseph Trapnell, formerly a minister of the Baptist society. Rev. Mr. Wiley delivered the charge.

On Monday the 1st of June, I preached in St. Matthew's church, Prince George's county, and confirmed *thirty-one* persons.

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On Tuesday the 2nd, I preached in Zion church, Vanesville, and confirmed *nine* persons.

On Thursday the 18th, I preached in the Parish church, St. Margaret's, Westminster, Anne Arundel county, and confirmed *ten* persons.

On Friday the 19th, I preached in the chapel belonging to the same parish.

On Sunday the 21st, I preached in the morning and afternoon in St. Ann's, Annapolis, and confirmed *five* persons.

On Monday the 22d, I preached in All-Hallows' parish, Anne Arundel county, and confirmed *ten* persons. I was pleased to find, that since my former visitation, the church had been thoroughly repaired.

On Tuesday the 23d, I preached in St. James' church, West-river, and confirmed *seventeen* persons.

On Wednesday the 24th, I preached in All Saints' parish, Calvert county, and confirmed *four* persons.

On Thursday the 25th, I preached in Christ church parish, Calvert county, and confirmed *ten* persons.

On Friday the 26th, I preached in the chapel belonging to the same parish, and confirmed *seven* persons.

On Sunday the 28th, I preached in Trinity church, William and Mary parish, St. Mary's county, and confirmed *twelve* white and *four* colored persons; and at night I preached at the Factory near the Great Mills.

On Monday the 29th, I preached at Poplar Hill church, and confirmed *ten* persons.

On Tuesday the 30th, I preached in St. Andrew's parish, St. Mary's county, and confirmed *twenty* white, and *six* colored persons.

On Wednesday the 1st of July, I preached in All Saints church, King and Queen parish, St. Mary's county, and confirmed *seven* white and *three* colored persons.

On Thursday the 2d, I preached in Chaptico, in the same parish, and confirmed *eight* persons.

On Friday the 3d, I preached in All-Faith parish, St. Mary's county, and confirmed *fourteen* white and *three* colored persons. At night I preached in Charlotte Hall.

On Saturday the 4th, I preached in the chapel in Trinity parish, Charles county.

On Sunday the 5th, I preached in the parish church, near New-Port, the same parish, and confirmed *three* white and *two* colored persons.

On Monday the 6th, I preached in William and Mary parish, Charles county, and confirmed *three* persons.

On Thursday the 7th; I preached in St. Paul's chapel, Port-Tobacco parish, Charles county, and confirmed *forty* white and *three* colored persons. In the afternoon I again officiated in the same church, and catechised a large number of young persons.

On Wednesday the 8th, I preached in Port-Tobacco church, and confirmed *twenty-five* white and *three* colored persons. In this parish seventy-one persons were confirmed.

On Thursday the 9th, I preached in Durham parish, Charles county, and confirmed *thirty* persons.

On Friday the 10th, I consecrated to the service of Almighty God a new church in Durham parish by the name of St. James' chapel, and confirmed *six* persons.

On Saturday the 11th, I preached in Christ church, St. John's parish, Prince George's county, and confirmed *seven* persons.

On Sunday the 12th, I preached at Broad creek church in the morning, and confirmed *seventeen* persons. In the afternoon I admitted the Rev. John Woart to the holy order of Priests. Rev. Mr. Dana, from Alexandria, preached the ordination sermon, and united with professor Lippitt in the imposition of hands.

On Monday the 13th, I preached in St. Paul's parish, Prince George's county, and confirmed *thirty* white and *two* colored persons.

On Tuesday the 14th, I preached at the chapel in the same parish, and confirmed *four* white and *six* colored persons.

On Wednesday the 15th, I preached in Trinity church, Upper Marlborough, Prince George's county, and confirmed *thirty-three* white, and *sixteen* colored persons.

On Thursday the 16th, I preached in Queen Anne parish, Prince George's county, and confirmed *eleven* persons.

On Friday the 17th, I preached in the chapel in the same parish and confirmed *seven* persons.

On Saturday the 18th, I preached in Christ church, Queen Caroline parish, Anne Arundel county, and confirmed *six* persons.

On Sunday the 19th, I preached in St. John's church, in the same parish, and confirmed *one* person.

On Tuesday the 21st, I preached in Christ church, Kent Island, Queen Anne's county. These destitute people have been many years without a minister.

On Wednesday the 22d, I preached in Centreville, Queen Anne's county, and consecrated to the worship of Almighty God, a beautiful church by the name of Saint Paul's church. At the same time I confirmed *three* persons.

On Friday the 2d of October, I preached in St. Michael's church, St. Michael's parish: and on Sunday the 4th, in the same church, I again preached, and admitted Mr. M. R. Talbot into the holy order of Deacons.

On Saturday the 10th, I preached in St. Bartholomew's parish, Montgomery county, and confirmed *eight* persons.

On Sunday the 11th, I preached in Rockville, Montgomery county, and confirmed *twelve* white and *two* colored persons.

On Tuesday the 13th, I preached in St. Peter's parish, Montgomery county, and confirmed *eleven* white and *four* colored persons.

On Wednesday the 14th, I preached in Zion church, Frederick county, and confirmed *six* persons.

On Thursday the 15th, I preached in All Saints, Frederick city, and confirmed *thirteen* white, and *four* colored persons.

On Friday the 16th, I attended at Harriot chapel, Cotoctin furnace, Frederick county, but did not preach in consequence of the inclemency of the weather.

On Saturday the 17th, I preached at the Point of Rocks, in a private house.

On Sunday the 18th, I preached in St. Mark's parish, Maryland Tract, and confirmed *sixteen* white and *seven* colored persons.

On Monday the 19th, I preached at Sharpsburgh, Washington county, and confirmed *four* persons.—Rev. Mr. Hedges, from the Diocese of Virginia, has charge of this church.

On Wednesday the 21st, I preached in St. John's church, Hagerstown, and confirmed *nine* white, and *ten* colored persons.

On Friday the 23d, I preached in Hancock, Washington county, and confirmed *ten* persons. In this place there is a new church, which is ready for consecration.

On Sunday the 25th, I preached in Cumberland, Alleghany county, and confirmed *four* persons; and at night I preached at Flint-stone, which is a small village about twelve miles from Cumberland.

On Thursday the 29th, I admitted into the holy order of Deacons, in St. Paul's church, Baltimore, Mr. John Owen and Mr. Thomas Barrow. Rev. Dr. Wyatt delivered the charge.—Mr. Owen had formerly been a minister in the Congregational church.

On Sunday the 6th of December, I confirmed *twenty-six* persons in Spring-Hill church, Spring-Hill parish, Somerset.

On Sunday the 10th of January, I preached in Snow-Hill, All Hallow's parish, Worcester county, and admitted Mr. John P. Robins into the holy order of Deacons.

On Friday the 20th May, I preached at Miss Mercer's Seminary, and confirmed *four* persons.

On Sunday the 22d, I preached in St. Thomas' parish, Baltimore county.

The whole number confirmed is *five hundred and ninety-eight*.

Clerical changes :—Rev. A. T. K. McCallum, has removed to the Diocese of New-York. Rev. Wm. A. Smallwood, to the Diocese of Ohio. Rev. James Doughan, to the Diocese of Virginia. Rev. John Woart to the Diocese of New Jersey. Rev. F. H. L. Laird, to the Diocese of Ohio. Rev. Lucian B. Wright to the Diocese of Alabama. Rev. Thomas Barrow, to the Diocese of Ohio. Rev. Thomas Horrell, who removed from this Diocese some years since to the State of Missouri, where there was no organization of the Protestant Episcopal church, has laid before me satisfactory testimonials of his moral and religious character, and I have given him letters to the Bishop of Ohio. I forgot to mention in my last report, that the Rev. Mr. Dana had removed to the Diocese of Virginia.—Rev. Robert W. Goldsborough, has resigned his charge in Queen Anne county, and has accepted a call to All Hollows' parish, Anne Arundel county. Rev. J. McG. Dale has resigned the rectorship of St. James' parish, Baltimore county, and has been appointed Rector of All Saints' parish, Calvert county. Rev. Alfred Holmead has charge of St. James' parish, Baltimore county. Rev. John Morgan, from the Diocese of North Carolina, has been appointed assistant minister in St. Paul's church, Baltimore. Rev. Daniel Higbee, from the Diocese of Delaware, has been appointed to the Missionary station in Dorchester and Caroline counties. Rev. Robert H. Phillips, from the Diocese of Ohio, has charge of St. Mark's parish, Maryland Tract, Frederick county. Rev. H. Williams, from the Diocese of Virginia, has been called to Trinity church, Elkton, Cecil county. Rev. John P. Robinson, from the Diocese of New York, has been appointed rector of Sherwood chapel, Baltimore county. Rev. Philip Slaughter, from the Diocese of Virginia, has been called to Christ Church, George-Town, D. C. Rev. Simon Wilmer, from the Diocese of Pennsylvania, has been appointed rector of Christ Church, Prince George's county. Rev. Mr. Bean has resigned his parish, in Frederick county, and has taken charge of Christ Church, Washington city, District of Columbia. Rev. John Owen has been chosen Rector of St. Paul's parish, Centreville, Queen Ann county. Rev. Mr. Leavenworth is without a

charge. Rev. William Pinkney, has resigned his charge in Somerset, and has been appointed Rector of St. Matthew's church, Bladensburgh, Prince George's county. Rev. M. R. Talbot, has charge of Somerset, and Coventry parishes, Somerset county. Rev. Mr. Wiley, has accepted a call to St. Peter's parish, Talbot county.—Rev. Joseph Trapnell Rector of St. Peter's parish, Montgomery, to Zion Parish, Frederick. Rev. John P. Robins resides at Snow-Hill.

I have omitted giving a particular statement of the situation of the different parishes, fearing that this report would be extended to an undue length.—I may remark in general, however, that in no previous visitation has the church presented such pleasing indications of her increasing prosperity. In almost every parish which I visited, crowds of worshippers assembled, and heard with apparent reverence the preached word. We may trust that the number confirmed, shows the interest which exists among them in the important concerns of religion, especially when we reflect how much care was taken to permit none to come forward, but such as were thought duly prepared for the ordinance. In order to carry on however the good work already begun, unremitting effort on our part is essentially necessary. We are warranted in believing that a faithful exhibition of the truth as it is in Jesus, with a persevering zeal in the employment of other means for the spiritual interest of our hearers, will under the divine blessing do much towards establishing them in the faith and obedience of the gospel.

I must not cease to call your attention to a subject in which the church has a deep interest. The convention must be aware, that there are many destitute parishes in this Diocese in a languishing condition, which, unless they are aided by the hands of munificence, will be ultimately lost to the church. The Missionary Society has done all in its power towards relieving the wants of such parishes; but in consequence of the inadequacy of their funds, the Executive committee has been obliged to limit its operations within a narrow sphere. The increase of parishes, and the formation of new congregations, will depend in a great measure upon the success of our Missionary Society. If it should fail to obtain the support which it so justly merits, the great design of its organization will be frustrated, and many of our parishes will cease to exist as a part of the Episcopal church. The scriptural plan of increasing missionary funds, which had been widely adopted in the church, and was approved by the convention at Easton, has not I fear been generally carried into operation. In almost

every instance where it has been fairly tried, the result has proved favorable. Let me earnestly recommend to you to make the experiment of weekly contributions, and you will, I am convinced, be surprised at the happy result. I might enumerate some instances in this, and in other Dioceses to show that I am not too sanguine in my anticipations of the importance of adopting the measure proposed. Combined effort on the part of the Clergy, would soon increase the amount of funds, and enable the Missionary Society to send forth the heralds of the cross in every destitute section of the Diocese.

I will call your attention, for one moment, to another subject, and then I have done.

At the meeting of the last General Convention, a slight change was proposed in the manner of performing one part of our service. It requires that "in repeating the General confession in the morning and evening prayer, the people should unite with the Minister in saying it after him in the same manner as is usually practised in saying the Creeds, the Lord's prayer, and the Confession in the Communion Service." For the sake of uniformity in the church, I do hereby respectfully recommend to the Clergy of the Diocese of Maryland, to adopt the manner of repeating the General confession in their several congregations, as proposed by the General convention in the year 1835.

May He who watches over the body which he has purchased with his own blood, and who is ever mindful of his covenant, be present with the council of his church here assembled in his name and presence. May He direct us in all our consultations, to the advancement of his own glory, and the promotion of the best interests of his church, that peace and happiness, religion and piety may be established among us for all generations.

WILLIAM M. STONE.

The committee on the rights of clergymen to seats, made their report, which was approved ; as follows :—

The committee on the right of clergymen to seats in the convention, report in favor of the following gentlemen.

Rev. Henry Aisquith,
" C. C. Austin,
" Walter D. Addison,
" John V. Bartow,
" Henry H. Bean,
" Thomas Billopp,

Rev. William F. Chesley,
" John Claxton,
" John Coleman,
" James McGregor Dale,
" John Delaplane,
" Robert B. Drane,

Rev. William Duke,	Rev. John Morgan,
" Levin I. Gilliss,	" Geo. L. Mackenheimer,
" Robt W. Goldsborough,	" R. Mitchell,
" R. Lloyd Goldsborough,	" John Owen,
" Fred'k. D. Goodwin,	" William Pinkney,
" F. R. Hanson,	" Robert Prout,
" Matthias Harris,	" Robert H. Phillips,
" Hugh L. Harrison,	" Thomas Reid,
" William Hawley,	" J. J. Robertson, D. D.
" J. P. K. Henshaw, D.D.	" John P. Robinson,
" Edward Y. Higbee,	" Joseph Spencer, D. D.
" Alfred Holmead,	" John Swan,
" H. Humphreys, D. D.	" M. R. Talbot,
" John Johns, D. D.	" Joseph Trapnell,
" Henry V. D. Johns,	" John Wiley,
" Leonard H. Johns,	" Lemuel Wilmer,
" Clement F. Jones,	" Christian Wiltberger,
" Jonathan Judd,	" H. Williams,
" John R. Keech,	" Wm. E. Wyatt, D. D.
" George McElhiney,	

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH SPENCER,	} <i>Committee.</i>
JOHN JOHNS,	
L. I. GILLISS,	

The committee on the Election of Lay Delegates report the following list of delegates, whose credentials have been exhibited, and found entitled to seats in this Convention.

Mr. Hugh D. Evans,	Mr. William Lynch,
Dr. John E. Berry,	" Zachariah L. Magruder,
Mr. Charles W. Howard,	" John H. Simmons,
" James Howard,	" Wm. T. Read,
" Augustus Miller,	" John Cook,
" Wm. M. Maynadier,	" G. C. Grammer,
" Benjamin Mullikin,	" Samuel Hambleton,
" Nathaniel Knight,	" Richard G. Waters,
" Grafton Tyler,	" Richard Potts,
" Horatio Wilcoxon,	" John Thomas,
Dr. Walter H. Briscoe,	" Frisby Tilghman,
Mr. Wm. A. Spencer,	" Trueman Belt,
" Thomas Turner,	" John H. Dodson, Jr.
" Robert Neilson,	

R. POTTS, *Chairman.*

The above report was approved.

The committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of the Convention, respectfully report, that they have examined all the accounts and vouchers furnished and find the same to be correct.

JOHN R. KEECH, *Chairman.*

Dr. Protestant E. Church of Md. in acc't with R. H. Owen, Treas. Cr.

1835.			1835.		
May 29	To cash paid Rev. J. Judd, expenses attending the Standing Committee, 1834,	\$16 00	May 29	By amount received of the committee on parochial contributions to the convention fund this year,	\$285 00
	Do. Sexton of Trinity Church, Washington city, - - - - -	10 00	July 2	Do. contribution from St. John's Parish, Harford county, to the convention fund,	3 00
June 2	Do. Rev. Dr. Wyatt, expenses in case of Rev. Norris M. Jones, 1833, - - - - -	22 50		Balance, - - -	10 86
	4 Do. Lucas and Deaver, balance due them for printing Journal of 1834, - - - - -	41 21			
	6 Do. Rev. Dr. Johns, on acc't Standing Committee, - - - - -	20 00			
	9 Do. R. M. Hall, sec'ry, salary for 1834, - -	50 00			
	Do. postage, stationery, &c. per bill, - - -	13 15			
Aug. 10	Do. Lucas and Deaver, for printing Journal of 1835, (on acc't,) - - -	60 00			
22	Do. General Convention, for contingent expenses of 1832, - - -	54 00			
	Do. on acc't of 1835, - - -	12 00			
1836.					
		\$298 86			\$298 86
May 23	To Balance, - - -	10 86			

R. H. OWEN, *Treas.*

Baltimore, May 23d, 1836.

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The Treasurer of the Convention respectfully reports, that the permanent fund for the support of the Episcopate, remains as stated at the last Convention, namely :

Seven full shares in the Union Bank of Maryland,	-	-	-	-	-	\$525 00
In the Savings Bank of Baltimore,	-	-	-	-	-	1434 08
Total amount						<u>\$1959 08</u>

That he has paid the interest accruing on the above fund to the Bishop, namely :—

3 dividends on Union Bank of Maryland Stock,	\$34 12
2 do from the Savings Bank of Baltimore,	57 20
1 extra dividend from ditto	61 50
This sum received on account Bishop's fund } from St. John's parish, Harford county, }	5 00
<u>\$157 82</u>	

Which sum, added to \$941, received and paid over by the committee on Parochial contributions make the Bishop's fund for the last fiscal year amount to \$1098 82

R. H. OWEN, *Treasurer.*

Baltimore, May 23, 1836.

The foregoing report was accepted.

The committee appointed by the last convention to have printed a compilation of the laws of Maryland relating to the duties of the clergy and vestries, &c :—together with the constitution and canons of the church, &c.—Report, that in the discharge of the duties assigned them, they have caused to be printed a neat little volume of nearly two hundred pages, embracing the constitution and canons of the Protestant Episcopal church in the United States ; the constitution and canons of the Protestant Episcopal church in Maryland ; the laws of Maryland relating to clergymen and vestries ; together with the charter, laws and regulations of the corporation for the relief of the widows and children of the clergy of the Protestant Episcopal church in Maryland ; directions to those who wish to be enrolled as candidates for holy orders, &c. &c. This book, the committee think, ought to be in the hands of every member of the church. They have deposited a large number in the hands

of the Secretary of this Convention, from whom the clergymen and lay-delegates may obtain a supply for themselves and the parishes they respectively represent, at the price fixed by the committee ; and they recommend that the remainder of the edition be sold under the direction of the committee, and the proceeds, if any, after defraying the expense of the publication, be paid to the Treasurer of the convention.

By order,

J. P. K. HENSHAW, *Chairman.*

The above report was approved by the convention.

Application for admission into the Diocese of Sherwood Chapel.

The following application was made for the admission of Sherwood chapel, Baltimore county, as one of the parishes of this diocese. The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen of "Sherwood Chapel," Baltimore county, hereby respectfully state to the Bishop and Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Maryland, that having organized a congregation in said county, according to the canons of said church, and being in possession of a neat and commodious chapel and two lots thereto attached, one designed as a parsonage lot, and the other as a grave-yard, and for such other purposes as may hereafter be deemed expedient.—humbly petition said Convention that they may be recognised as one of the Parishes of this Diocese, and be entitled to all the privileges in such cases provided for by the canons and vestry act of the State of Maryland.

JOHN P. ROBINSON,

In behalf of the corporation.

Baltimore county, May 22d, 1836.

The above application was referred to a committee consisting of the Rev'd. Dr. Henshaw, Mr. Hugh Davey Evans, and Mr. Robert Neilson.

The following communication from the Secretary of the General Convention, was ordered to be spread upon the journal.

To the Right Rev. Bishop Stone,

DEAR SIR,—In compliance with the requisitions of the 50th Canon, I take the opportunity to transmit to you the following notice of matters submitted by the late General Convention to the consideration of the Diocesan Conventions.

Resolved, That the following alterations in the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, be, and are hereby proposed, and that they be made known to the several State Conventions.

Article 5th to be altered so as to read as follows :

A Protestant Episcopal Church in any of the United States, or any Territory thereof, not now represented, may, at any time hereafter, be admitted, on acceding to this Constitution ; And a new diocese to be formed from one or more existing dioceses, may be admitted under the following restrictions.

No new diocese shall be formed or erected within the limits of any other diocese, nor shall any diocese be formed by the junction of two or more dioceses or parts of dioceses, unless with the consent of the Bishop and Convention of each of the dioceses concerned, as well as of the General Convention.

No such new Diocese shall be formed, which shall contain less than 8000 square miles in one body, and thirty Presbyters, who have been for at least one year canonically resident within the bounds of such new Diocese, regularly settled in a parish or congregation, and qualified to vote for a Bishop. Nor shall such new Diocese be formed, if thereby any existing Diocese shall be so reduced as to contain less than 8000 square miles, or less than thirty Presbyters who have been residing therein, and settled and qualified as above mentioned.

In case one Diocese shall be divided into two Dioceses, the Diocesan of the Diocese divided, may elect the one to which he will be attached, and shall thereupon become the Diocesan thereof, and the assistant Bishop if there be one, may elect the one to which he will be attached: and, if it be not the one elected by the Bishop, he shall be the diocesan thereof.

Whenever the division of a Diocese into two Dioceses shall be ratified by the General Convention, each of the two Dioceses shall be subject to the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese so divided, until the same may be altered in either Diocese by the Convention thereof. And whenever a Diocese shall be formed out of two or more existing Dioceses, the new Dioceses shall be subject to the Constitution and Canons of that one of the said existing Diocese to which the greater number of clergymen shall have belonged, prior to the erection of such new Diocese, until the same may be altered by the Convention of the new Diocese.

Strike out the word "States" wherever it occurs in the first and second articles, except where it follows the word "United" in the first part of the first article, and insert in lieu of the word "States" the word "Dioceses." Strike out the word "States" whenever it occurs in the second, third and fourth articles, and insert in lieu thereof the word "Diocese."

Strike out the words "or District" in the fourth article.

Strike out the word "State" in the sixth article, and insert the word "Diocese."

Strike out the word "States" in the eighth article, and insert the word "Dioceses:" and in the eighth article strike out the words "or State" after the words "every Diocese."

Strike out the word "States" in the ninth article, and insert the word "Dioceses." Strike out the word "State" in the ninth article, and insert the word "Diocesan."

Resolved, That it be made known to the Convention of every diocese, that it is proposed to add to the note on the Table of moveable Feasts according to the several days that Easter can possibly fall upon. "The words, "unless the Table gives some day in the month of March for it, for in that case the day given by the table is the right day."

A true copy of the above resolutions as concurred in by both Houses in General Convention, 1835.

ATTEST, HENRY ANTHON,
Secretary of the House of Clerical and Lay-Deputies.

The Rev. Mr. Keech submitted a resolution in reference to *Public burying grounds*, as follows :

Whereas, it has appeared to many members of this Convention, that the burial of the dead is a subject of great importance, and one which is not sufficiently attended to and holden in that high veneration which the solemnity of the occasion demands:—And whereas, it is apprehended that the practice of interring deceased relatives in private burying grounds, has an injurious effect upon the church, in alienating the affections of its young and rising members from her venerable temples:—Therefore, *Resolved* by this Convention, that it be most respectfully and affectionately recommended to the members of the church, to establish as near the church as possible, a *Public burying ground*, and keep the same in a proper state of repair, and that they be further earnestly requested in all practicable cases, to have their deceased friends interred in the same.

The above resolution was adopted.

Leave of absence was asked for the Rev'd. Dr. Johns ; and granted.

On motion, made and seconded, it was *Resolved*, That the next Annual Convention be held in the City of Baltimore.

Mr. RICHARD H. OWEN, was re-elected Treasurer.

The Convention, at one o'clock, according to previous arrangement, went into an election for Standing Committee for the ensuing year ; the result was as follows :

Rev'd. DR. WYATT,	}	<i>Were elected for the Western Shore.</i>
" DR. JOHNS,		
" DR. HENSHAW,		
" GEO. McELHINEY,		
" DR. SPENCER,	}	<i>For the Eastern Shore.</i>
" JONATHAN JUDD,		
" CLEMENT F. JONES,		

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the convention pay out of any unappropriated funds in his hands, the expenses of the delegates from this diocese to the last General convention.

The committee to whom was referred the application of Sherwood Chapel, made a favorable report thereon ; accompanied by the following resolution :—

Resolved, by the convention of the Protestant Episcopal church for the diocese of Maryland, That Sherwood Chapel, Baltimore county, be and it is hereby received into union with the church in this diocese, and recognised as a congregation thereof, and entitled to a representation in the convention.

By order,

J. P. K. HENSHAW, *Chairman.*

The above resolution was unanimously adopted.

A communication from the general agent of the Maryland State Bible Society was read ; an expression of the favorable views entertained in reference to the Bible cause, and a recommendation from the Convention to the clergy in this diocese, to co-operate with the State Bible Society, appearing on the journal of 1834, p. 27—it was considered unnecessary at this time to take any farther action on the subject. The communication was therefore laid on the table.

A petition was presented and read, making application for the division of Great Choptank parish, Dorchester county, into three separate and distinct parishes. The petition was referred to a committee consisting of the Rev. Mr. McElhiney, Mr. Wm. A. Spencer and Mr. Samuel Hambleton.

Leave of absence was granted to the Rev'd. Mr. Keech, Mr. Charles W. Howard and Mr. Maynadier.

A representation being made of the inability of Christ's church, Washington, to pay the amount due to the Bishop's and Convention fund, it was on motion *Resolved*, That the sum of Thirty dollars be accepted, as in full of the Bishop's fund, and the further sum of eighteen dollars as in full of the debt due to the Convention fund :—and that the annual assessment on the said church for the Bishop's fund be reduced to Ten dollars.

Report of the Committee on the division of Great Choptank parish.

The committee appointed on the memorial of sundry of the citizens of Great Choptank parish in Dorchester county, in the State of Maryland, being of the opinion that the prayer of the memorialists ought to be granted, ask leave to submit the following :—

Whereas, a petition has been presented to this convention by sundry members of the Protestant Episcopal Church, residing in Great Choptank parish, in Dorchester county, and the prayer therein contained being proper :—

Be it enacted by the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Maryland, That Great Choptank parish, in Dorchester county, State aforesaid, be and the same is hereby divided into three separate and distinct parishes, of names following; to wit, Great Choptank parish, East New Market parish, and Vienna parish, and which said several and separate parishes shall be bounded by the division lines which at present separate the several election districts of Vienna, East New Market, and Cambridge, in the said county of Dorchester.

GEORGE McELHINEY, *Chairman.*

The above report was adopted.

Adjourned until 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, May 27th.

The Convention met, and a congregation also assembled at 9 o'clock, A. M.

Morning prayer was read by the Rev'd. Doctor Wyatt.

Ordination of Ministers.

The Rev'd. John Coleman, Rev. William Pinkney, Rev. John Delaplane, Rev. Joseph Trapnell, and Rev. H. Wil-

liams, Deacons, were ordained Priests, by the Right Rev'd. Bishop Stone; several of the clergy present, united in the imposition of hands. The ordination sermon was preached by the Rev'd. George McElhiney, who also assisted the Bishop in administering the Lord's supper.

The following resolution confirming the admission of St. Thomas' church, Hancock, Washington county, to the rights and privileges of membership, was unanimously passed.

Whereas, at the Convention held in the year 1835, a resolution was adopted, admitting St. Thomas' church, Hancock, Washington county, to the rights and privileges of a congregation of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in Maryland: *and whereas*, from some mistake, there does not exist any evidence of its passage on the journal of the Convention;— *therefore Resolved*, by the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal church in the State of Maryland, that the said resolution shall be and is hereby confirmed, and St. Thomas' church aforesaid, admitted to all the rights and privileges intended to be conferred by the same.

Resolution to secure punctual payment to the Bishop's fund.

It was on motion, *Resolved*, That whenever there shall be a deficiency in the annual contribution to the Bishop's fund, in this Diocese, on the part of the vestry and congregation of any parish, the *clergyman* of the same, shall be required from his own salary to make good said deficiency.

Resolution to inquire into the expediency and practicability of establishing one or more Seminaries of learning.

It was on motion, *Resolved*, That a committee of three persons be appointed to inquire into the expediency and practicability of establishing, one or more Seminaries of learning, in the Diocese of Maryland, in which, the usual branches of sound learning may be taught, in connexion with those principles of religious truth, which are embraced within the doctrines, discipline and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church. Committee appointed on this resolution.

The Rev'd. HENRY V. D. JOHNS.

“ DR. WYATT,

“ “ HENSHAW,

Committees on parochial contributions beg leave to report that they have received the following sums from the owing sources.

NAMES OF PARISHES, &c.	Bishop's fund.	Convention fund.
St. Paul's Parish, Baltimore,	\$ 100 00	\$ 6 00
St. Peter's Church, Baltimore,	80 00	6 00
St. James Church, Baltimore,	60 00	6 00
St. John's Parish, Charles County,	10 00	6 00
St. Paul's Parish, Prince George's County,	20 00	6 00
St. John's, Washington City,	30 00	6 00
St. Mary Church, Baltimore,	15 00	6 00
St. Anne's, Annapolis,	30 00	6 00
St. George's Parish, Montgomery County,	10 00	
St. Peter's Parish, Montgomery County,	10 00	6 00
St. John and Mary Parish, St. Mary's County,	15 00	6 00
St. Paul's Parish, Queen Ann's County,	20 00	6 00
St. Margaret's, Westminster,	20 00	6 00
St. Mark's, Frederick County,	30 00	10 00
St. Ann's Parish, Prince George's county,	30 00	6 00
St. Patrick's Parish, Frederick County,	10 00	6 00
St. Atholomew's Parish, Montgomery County,	10 00	
St. John's, Anne Arundel County,	10 00	6 00
St. Peter Parish, Kent County,	20 00	6 00
St. George Church, Elkton, Cecil County,	10 00	6 00
St. George Church, Georgetown, D. C.	30 00	6 00
St. George Church, Queen Caroline Parish, A. Arundel co.	80 00	18 00
St. John's Church, Anne Arundel County,	20 00	12 00
St. Stephen's Church, Cecil County,	15 00	6 00
St. George Church, Harford County,	5 00	3 00
St. John's, Baltimore and Harford Counties,	10 00	6 00
St. James' Parish, Baltimore County,	10 00	6 00
St. Andrew's Parish, St. Mary County,	10 00	6 00
St. George Church, Charles County,	10 00	6 00
St. John's, Washington County,	20 00	6 00
St. John's, Prince George's County,	10 00	6 00
St. James', Anne Arundel County,	20 00	6 00
St. Andrew's Church, Prince George's County,	10 00	10 00
St. Creek Church, District of Columbia,	10 00	6 00
St. John's, Calvert County,	10 00	6 00
St. John's, Frederick County,	30 00	6 00
St. George Church, Washington City,	20 00	
his report was submitted, the further sum of dollars was paid by Christ's Church, Washing- ton City, to the Convention fund; leaving a balance aid fund of twelve dollars,		6 00
	\$820 00	\$288 00

R. B. DRANE,
HUGH DAVEY EVANS, } **Committee.**

Report of the committee on the state of the Church.

The committee on the state of the church after a careful examination of the Parochial Reports as far as they have been handed in, are of opinion, that her condition continues equally prosperous as it was at the meeting of the last annual convention. The clergy appear to be actively engaged in their respective charges in the performance of their high and responsible duties, and from their official acts an increase of baptisms and communicants may be observed in several quarters. From the large number of those who during the past year have been admitted to the holy rite of confirmation, a just inference may be drawn not only of pastoral fidelity and zeal, but of a delightful attention on the part of the young to the important subject of religion, and testifying as the reports generally do to an increasing interest in behalf of the services of our communion where they are enjoyed, and a joyful reception of them whenever restored, in those places where from unhappy circumstances they have been long suspended: the committee feel justified in saying that the church if not in a course of rapid, is certainly in one of equable and progressive improvement. The Prayer Book and Homily Society continues as usual to dispense its accustomed benefits in proportion to its ability, and the hope is fondly indulged that among those manifestations of zeal which are exhibited within our borders, this most useful and excellent institution will receive from all its merited share of patronage and support.

Among the various causes of joy and congratulation with themselves, as well as of sincere thanks to Almighty God for his goodness and bounty, which are now before them, the committee cannot withhold their regret that there has not been more concerted action in regard to the Diocesan Missionary Society. All agree that this is one of the most powerful and efficient agents which can be employed in promoting the interests of the church, and if not kept in active operation, it is certain that she can neither expect to be revived in those quarters where she once existed, nor see her banner planted in others where she has never yet obtained a footing. It is very certain also that unless some active measures are taken to replenish its treasury, those missionaries who are now employed in her service will be obliged to discontinue their labors, and then we shall not only be subjected perhaps to the unpleasant necessity of revising our whole system with a view of ensuring greater

efficiency, but moreover have to blush that we have so soon departed from our professions, and slackened that gait which we promised but a short time since with divine assistance to accelerate. In regard to the best means to be used in obtaining funds, the sense of the last convention was so fully expressed in behalf of monthly collections upon the plan of St. Paul in his first epistle to the Corinthians, that the committee do not pretend to recommend any other. The practicability of this has been so thoroughly tested in a neighbouring diocese as to leave no doubt that if attempted among us it would be productive of similar results. Let the experiment then be generally tried, and we shall have reason to be satisfied if we reap but a moderate portion of those fruits which have been realized to others.

In bringing now every consideration into view, the committee would fain believe that the prospect before us is cheering and encouraging. Happy in witnessing any evidences of the growth and extension of the church, they still admonish, however, that her real strength is not so much to be computed by numbers, as a sound faith and vital godliness in the life, and as she teaches us in one of her beautiful collects that all our actions without charity are nothing worth, so she insists, that no well grounded hope of salvation can be entertained by any unless belief is demonstrated by the fruits of the spirit. The clergy appear to be fully sensible of these things, and to make them in all cases the ground of ministerial action. The committee, therefore, under this conviction, cannot but pray, that those labours which have been already so abundantly favoured, may still go on to receive the "continual dew of the divine blessing."

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

St. Paul's Parish, Baltimore.

Funerals.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	37
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	46
Communicants,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	330

W. E. WYATT, *Rector.*

St. Peter's Church, Baltimore.

No change, worthy of special notice, has occurred in the state of this congregation during the past year. There has been an increasing attendance upon the services of the sanctuary, especially on the mornings of

the Lord's day. The exercises of the Bible classes, one for females, and another conducted upon a novel plan for the benefit of the whole congregation, without distinction of sex or age, have excited much interest, and been attended with good results. In addition to the calls made upon this people for congregational, local or diocesan charities, which have been liberally responded to, they have contributed during the past year about seven hundred dollars (\$700) to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society—and three hundred and eighty-five dollars (\$385) to the Sunday School Union of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

By the blessing of God upon the preaching of his word and other means of grace, twenty-four have been added to the communion—but as an equal number has been subtracted by deaths, removals, &c. there is no actual increase since the last report. May the Lord give greater faithfulness to his servant, and increasing success to his labours!

The following statement is extracted from the register :

Baptisms,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	46
Communicants,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	385
Marriages,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	21
Funerals,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	21
Sunday Schools,	{	Teachers,	.	.	.	.	.	58
		Scholars, about	.	.	.	.	.	480
St. Peter's Free School,	{	Teacher,	.	.	.	.	.	1
		Scholars, about	.	.	.	.	.	120

J. P. K. HENSHAW, *Rector.*

Trinity Church, Baltimore.

Baptisms	{	Adults,	.	.	.	.	.	4
		Children,	.	.	.	.	.	53
Marriages,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	37
Burials,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	54
Communicants added,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12

But as there have been several deaths and removals—about the same, Our Temperance Society has been organized, and numbers upwards of two hundred adult members of the congregation.

Sunday School prosperous.

During the last year the debt incurred for the repairs of the church has been entirely paid.

J. V. BARTOW, *Rector.*

St. John's Parish, Baltimore and Harford Counties.

The Rector of St. John's Parish, Baltimore and Harford counties, reports the condition of the parish to be about the same as when he made his last report. Not being able to attend the last convention he has now to give a statistical account of his official acts for the two preceding years. They are as follows :

Marriages,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
Baptisms,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	26
Funerals,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Communicants, about	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	80

JOHN R. KEECH, *Rector.*

May 21, 1836.

St. George's and St. John's Parishes, Harford County.

Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	27
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
Communicants,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42
Burials,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5

R. L. GOLDSBOROUGH, Rector.

Heore de Grace, May, 1836.

St. John's Church, Washington City.

The Rector of St. John's Church, Washington City, reports, that little change has taken place in the congregation since his last report :

Communicants, (White,)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	106
“ Colored,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15
Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	32
Deaths,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5

The Sunday School is well attended, and under the care of the present pious and devoted superintendant, promises to accomplish much good.

The Rector is also happy to remark, that an increasing attention to the important duty of attending more regularly and zealously on the public services of the Church, both morning and evening, is apparent; and it is likewise gratifying to state, that a liberal contribution from the members of the congregation has recently been made, for the purpose of placing the Church in a complete state of repair and embellishment.

WILLIAM HAWLEY, Rector.

Christ Church, Washington Parish, Washington City.

The Rector, in making his first report of the Parish of which he has had charge a few months, has but little of special interest to communicate. He is compelled to give in some respects a less flattering account than that given by the former Rector at the last Convention. He found the Church in rather a dispersed and unsettled condition, but is grateful for the success which has attended his labors thus far in gathering together those that were scattered abroad. The congregation has considerably increased, and hope is entertained that good has been effected, though no accession has yet been made to the communion.

The liberality of the congregation has been evinced by furnishing very neatly and comfortably the first story of the parsonage. The vestry have been making arrangements to improve the interior of the Church, by putting up a new pulpit, desk, &c., and \$115 have been obtained from the ladies to furnish it with suitable drapery, and such other things as may be necessary.

Present number of Communicants, as nearly as can be ascertained,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	125
Sunday School Teachers,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22
Scholars,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	186
Volumes in Sunday School Library,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	161
“ Parish Library,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	239
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Deaths,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5

HENRY H. BEAN, Rector.

Christ Church, Georgetown, D. C.

The Rector reports, that during the short time which has elapsed since he took charge of this Church, he has not been able to ascertain the precise number of communicants; since the last report 10 have been added, some of whom have removed from other Parishes. He supposes the present number to be about 160, 20 of whom are colored—1 colored and 11 white infants have been baptized—Funerals, 4—Marriages, 1—Sunday School Teachers, 15, and Scholars, 120—Members of the Female Bible Class, 30.

Sixty dollars were transmitted to the present Convention for missionary purposes, and the Rector has recently recommended a plan of systematic charity, for the advancement of the great work of missions, which he believes will be cordially adopted by the congregation. Several subscriptions have been made to other benevolent enterprises, the amount of which is not known. The debt which has been hanging over the Church for some time past and paralyzing its energies, has been paid. The congregations are large and attentive, and the Rector fervently prays, and humbly trusts, that God will bless his ministrations to the salvation of their souls.

PHILIP SLAUGHTER,
Georgetown, D. C.

Rock Creek Parish.

Marriages,	2
Funerals, (white 5—colored 3)	8
Baptisms, adults, white	2
“ children do 11—colored 2,	13—15
Communicants, last reported, 107, added 10,	117
“ Died 2, removed 8, stricken from the list for non-attendance 2, suspended 5,	17—100
Sunday School very small.	
Bible Class, male 10—females 25,	35
Families,	35
Missionary collections, \$40	

Guarding the purity of the communion table, is a serious and important duty, and one which costs the ministers of the sanctuary many solemn moments. But with all our care and vigilance in this respect, we are sometimes deceived in the reception of persons to the communion. Over this subject, in connexion with the backslidings of some, we have been called to mourn the past year. Still we have had much to cheer and encourage us: the Lord's people have manifested their love for the sanctuary, and social prayer meeting, and through their influence, in connexion with other means of grace, we have enjoyed refreshing seasons from the presence of the Lord.

The temperance cause has continued to flourish. One individual has abandoned the sale of intoxicating drinks, sought and obtained an interest in the blood of the Saviour, and is now a warm and zealous communicant. We number 218 members, of whom 125 are on the “cold water” pledge.

G. WILTBERGER, *Rector.*

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St. Anne's Parish, Annapolis.

Baptisms,	14
Marriages,	5
Funerals,	6
Sunday School pupils about	90
Teachers, male 2—female 8,	10
Communicants,	91

GEORGE M'ELHINEY, Rector.

St. James' Church, West River, Anne Arundel County.

Confirmations,	18
Baptisms—white 4—colored 7,	11
Marriages—white 3—colored 10,	13
Funerals,	5
Communicants, last reported,	84
“ added,	2
“ died and removed,	6
“ present number,	80

WILLIAM F. CHESLEY, Rector.

West River, May 24, 1836.

St. Margaret's, Westminster Parish, Anne Arundel County.

Communicants added,	2
Present number,	15
Baptisms,	10
Funerals,	2
Confirmed,	10

HENRY AISQUITH, Rector.

P. O. Annapolis, Md.

Somerset and Coventry Parishes, Somerset County.

Baptisms, - - - - -	13
Communicants about - - - - -	106
Marriages, - - - - -	3
Funerals, - - - - -	2

Zion and St. Matthew's Churches, Prince George's County.

Communicants, about - - - - -	73
Marriages, - - - - -	1
Funerals, - - - - -	1

WM. PINKNEY, Rector.

St. Paul's Parish, Prince George's County.

Baptisms—adult, white 1—infants do. 37—colored 63,	101
Confirmed, white 33, colored 7, - - - - -	40
Communicants last reported 108, added 20, present number 128	

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Marriages, white 6, colored 3,	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
Burials, white 22, colored 3,	-	-	-	-	-	-	25
Sunday School Teachers,	-	-	-	-	-	-	14
“ “ Scholars,	-	-	-	-	-	-	100

The prospects of the parish are much the same as when reported last year.

FREDERICK D. GOODWIN, *Rector.*

Nottingham, Prince George's Co. May 21, 1836.

Durham Parish, Charles County.

The Rector of Durham Parish, Charles county, would report with gratitude to the Great Head of the Church, that a more favorable state of things exist the past, than has done the preceding years. There have been twelve additions to the communion, and those chiefly from the youth of my charge. At the visitation in July last of our beloved Diocesan, thirty persons were confirmed; and the chapel recently erected in the lower section of the parish, consecrated to the service of Almighty God, by the name of St. James' Chapel. Our Sunday Schools I deeply regret, have languished—we have now only one in operation.

Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14
Baptisms, white 10, colored 17,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	27
Deaths,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
Communicants,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	85

ROBERT PROUT, *Rector.*

Nanjemoy, May 22, 1836.

St. Stephen's Parish, Cecil County.

Baptisms, adults, colored 1—infants, white 18, colored 8,	27
Confirmed by Bishop H. U. Onderdonk, in St. John's,	
Parish, Delaware, - - - - -	1
Communicants last reported 25, added 10, - - -	35
“ died 2, removed 2, - - -	4—31
Marriages, white 4, colored 7, - - - - -	11
Funerals, white, . - - - -	11

The Rector is gratified at being enabled to report that the condition of this parish continues to be prosperous. The divine blessing has accompanied his unworthy labors, and he is cheered with the hope that during the past year, some of the precious souls committed to his charge, have been “turned from darkness to light, and from the power of satan unto God,” while others have “grown in grace, and in the knowledge of their Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.”

The effort to form a Sunday School, (announced in last report as about to be made) proved successful; and during the summer the school flourished beyond our expectations, having on roll 67 scholars; number of average regular attendants, about 40; with two superintendants, four male and four female teachers. The severity of the winter compelled a suspension of its exercises; but they have been recently resumed, though not under circumstances encouraging as attended its formation. Convinced that no branch of ministerial duty is of greater importance, the Rector has availed himself of every opportunity of imparting catechetical instruction to the young. Through the liberality of the parishioners,

a handsome Sunday School Library of about two hundred and twenty volumes has been purchased, in connexion with which we are now forming a Parish Library.

The weekly offering system has produced, during the year, the sum of \$17 44, which has been paid over to the treasurer of the Domestic Missionary Society of this diocese. There have also been contributed \$15 for the purpose of supplying the destitute in the parish with the scriptures. The Ladies' Tract and Benevolent Societies still continue their unostentatious, but very useful labours.

Owing to the increased size of the congregation, it has been found necessary to erect a few additional pews in the church. About thirty-five Prayer Books have been sold, and twelve distributed gratuitously. The temporal concerns of the parish are ably managed by a zealous and judicious vestry, who are now engaged in a thorough repair of the parsonage.

JOHN COLEMAN, *Rector.*

St. Stephen's Parsonage, near Cecilton, May 24, 1836.

St. John's & Christ Churches, Queen Caroline Parish, Anne Arundel Co.

Baptisms, white, infant 4, adult 1,	-	-	-	-	-	5
" colored,	-	-	-	-	-	4
Marriages, white,	-	-	-	-	-	2
" colored,	-	-	-	-	-	3
Funerals, white,	-	-	-	-	-	3

HUGH T. HARRISON, *Rector.*

Oakland Mills, Anne Arundel Co. Md.

Trinity Church, Elkton.

On assuming the charge of the congregation in this place in October last, it was found to be in a declining condition. In reporting its present state, it is pleasing to mention, that there is reason to believe, that a more lively interest is taken in the services of the sanctuary, and a more sincere desire for the success and prosperity of the church manifested, than has been for some time previous. Supported by the prayers and aided by the counsel of a few devoted friends of the church, it is believed that the labors here bestowed, will not be without their fruit.

The communion has been twice administered, once by the Rev. Dr. Mason, President of New Ark College, and once by the Rev. W. C. Russell, rector of St. Andrew's, Wilmington, on which occasion two were added.

Number of communicants,	-	-	-	-	-	14
Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	-	2
Marriages, white,	-	-	-	-	-	2
" colored,	-	-	-	-	-	1
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	2

By the liberality of one of the gentlemen of the vestry, it is proposed soon to enlarge and improve the appearance of the present church edifice.

Catechetical instruction has been attended to as frequently as practicable.

One evening in each week has been devoted with pleasing results, to the religious instruction of the colored people of this place.

Contributions for missionary purposes, \$16 39.

H. WILLIAMS, *Minister.*

St. Mary Ann's Church, North East.

Under the auspices of the Missionary Society of this diocese, services have been performed once a fortnight in this church, which for many years has been neglected. Owing to the dilapidated state of the church edifice, during the winter, services were conducted in the vestry room, which has been fitted up, and is now rented as a village school house. It has been truly gratifying to observe with what deep satisfaction the prospect of having the services here regularly performed, has been hailed by a few devoted females, who have long been deprived of them.

It is believed that there is a lingering attachment to the church, in most of the families through the neighborhood, whose forefathers were its zealous supporters.

A small congregation has, in a measure, been organized. The communion has not, as yet, been administered.

The vestry have resolved thoroughly to repair the building as soon as the money due them can be collected. This church has an income of about fifty dollars arising from the rent of some property connected with it.

H. WILLIAMS, *Minister.*

St. Thomas' Church, Hancock.

Baptisms, white 7—colored 9,	-	-	-	-	-	-	16
Confirmed, white 10—colored 3,	-	-	-	-	-	-	13
Communicants,	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
Marriage,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Sunday Schools—Teachers 7, scholars 50,	-	-	-	-	-	-	57

J. DELAPLANE, *Rector.*

Queen Ann Parish, Prince George's County, Md.

The Rector reports the following ministerial duties performed since the last convention.

Baptisms, whites 25—colored 84,	-	-	-	-	-	109
Communicants, last reported,	-	-	-	-	-	74
“ withdrawn,	-	-	-	-	-	1
“ died,	-	-	-	-	-	1
“ added,	-	-	-	-	-	13
“ present number,	-	-	-	-	-	84
Marriages, whites,	-	-	-	-	-	7
“ colored,	-	-	-	-	-	5—12
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	16

Children's Library, 60 vols.

Collected for missions \$45, to be appropriated thus: \$25 for the use of the Domestic Missionary Society of this diocese—\$10 to the China Mission, and \$10 to the mission in Persia. The Rector also reports that he has received the liberal donation of \$80, presented by a most excellent and pious lady of his parish, to be appropriated in the following manner: To the Diocese of Maryland, \$25; Bible Society, \$15; Tract Society, \$10; Greek Mission, \$10; China Mission, \$10; Illinois Mission, \$5; Green Bay Mission, \$5.

It is truly gratifying, and calls for devout thanks, to behold the Missionary spirit which now characterises the whole body of the Episcopal Church—ours is truly presenting, at this interesting period of her pros-

perity, what at the last General Convention she was so universally and emphatically pronounced to be, "a Missionary Church." May the zeal, the labor, and the piety of her clergy increase daily in the noble and glorious work of extending the pure principles of religion to the whole world, and thus be instrumental in accomplishing the high and remarkable command of the Great Head of the Church—"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

GEO. L. MACKENHEIMER, *Rector.*

Emanuel Parish, Alleghany County.

Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Confirmed,	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Communicants, last report corrected,	-	-	-	-	-	12	
Died,	-	-	-	-	-	1	
Added,	-	-	-	-	-	3	
Present number,	-	-	-	-	-	-	14
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Sunday Scholars, about	-	-	-	-	-	-	25

T. M. LEAVENWORTH, *Rector.*

May, 1836.

All Saint's Parish, Frederick County.

Baptisms,	{ Adults,	-	-	-	-	-	4
	{ Children,	-	-	-	-	-	19—23
Communicants,	-	-	-	-	-	-	136
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
Persons confirmed,	-	-	-	-	-	-	17
Sunday School scholars,	-	-	-	-	-	-	140
Parochial week day school scholars,	-	-	-	-	-	-	70

During the past two months, the Parish Church has been thoroughly repaired, and is now in good order.

HENRY V. D. JOHNS, *Rector.*

Frederick, May, 1836.

St. Mark's Parish, Frederick County.

The subscriber entered upon his labors in this Parish August 1st, 1835, since which time he reports:—

Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
Infant baptisms,	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Confirmations,	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Communicants, (white,)	-	-	-	-	-	-	66
" Colored,	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Added, (white,)	-	-	-	-	-	-	16
" Colored,	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Died,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2

Present number,	-	-	-	-	-	87
Pastoral visits,	-	-	-	-	-	233
Contributions for different objects, \$123.						

RICHARD H. PHILLIPS, *Rector.*

Trinity Church, Upper Marlborough.

Communicants last reported,	-	White, 83,	Colored, 26,	109
Since removed,	-	" 2,	" 0,	2
Since added,	-	" 3,	" 1,	4
Present number,	-	" 84,	" 27,	111
Baptisms,	-	" 13,	" 31,	44
Confirmed,	-	" 33,	" 13,	46
Marriages,	-	" 3,	" 2,	5
Funerals,	-	" 7,	" 2,	9

The subscriber in presenting his last report regrets to state, that the spiritual aspect of his Parish during the past year has not been so encouraging as heretofore. The accession to the communion has been smaller than during any former period of his ministry. He trusts however, that the good seed which he has been endeavoring faithfully to sow, may yet spring up and bring forth much fruit under the labors of some more favored servant of the Lord.

JOHN SWAN, *Rector.*

Upper Marlborough, May 23d, 1836.

All Saints' Parish, Calvert County.

Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19
Communicants,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4

J. M'G. DALE, *Rector.*

Lower Marlborough, Calvert County.

Christ Church, Prince George's County.

The Rector of Christ Church, Prince George's County reports that the prospect is not very encouraging. The evils of intemperance, gambling, and the profanation of the Lord's day, still prevail, especially since the establishment of a temperance society upon the plan of abstaining from distilled liquors alone, as it seems to be considered an implied license to drink other liquors with little or no restraint. But it is now proposed to form one upon the more effectual plan of abandoning all intoxicating liquors except for medical and sacramental purposes. We have three Sunday Schools. There have been 12 baptisms; and 7 funerals have been attended; the precise number of communicants cannot now be stated, but there are quite as many as should be, under existing circumstances.

S. WILMER, *Rector.*

St. Andrew's Parish, St. Mary's County.

Baptisms,	{	Infants,	-	-	-	-	-	23
	{	Adults,	-	-	-	-	-	3—26
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Communicants last reported,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	56
Added,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Died,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Present number,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	58
Confirmations,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26

This parish still continues in its last reported state of prosperity, harmony, and strong attachment to the distinctive principles of our venerable and apostolic church. Its communicants, without any exception that I know of, renounce the pomps and vanities of the world ; although tried, they have been found faithful, and in temptation have resisted, “the spirit that worketh in the children of disobedience.” The Protestant Episcopal communicants of the parish think, I believe with the word of God, that “she who liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth,” and that “if any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy.” The congregation is generally large on Sundays, and always a model of decorum, attention, and active participation in the sacred services of the sanctuary. From the visit of our Right Rev. Diocesan, and his arduous and interesting labors last June, much good it is hoped was affected. Such was the solemnity of the confirmation that he held, the appropriate and parental advice which he gave, and the responsible sense of duty with which the several candidates for confirmation seemed to be impressed, that a blessing “without measure” I believe was left behind, and “it was good to be there.” Several of those excellent periodicals of our church (the Churchman, and Gospel Messenger) are taken by heads of families in the parish, and no doubt contribute much to the preservation of their faith, and a correct knowledge of the principles and doctrines which they profess.

JOHN CLAXTON, *Rector.*

All Faith Parish, St. Mary's County.

Baptisms, adults 3, infants 41,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	44
Children received into the congregation,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15
Communicants according to the 19th canon of the diocese of Maryland,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17
Confirmation in July,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17

I took charge of this parish on the third day of July, in connexion with St. Andrew's parish, and from want of ministerial services, and other causes, found it in a very weak, and sickly, and divided state. Some had left their first love, others were wavering in their faith, and all were as sheep without a shepherd. At present the church is generally well attended, and sometimes the congregations are very large. The old paths are still asked for by many, and although the spiritual building is not altogether as large, or as neatly and fitly joined together as the Master would wish it to be—yet there are ample materials remaining to finish and perfect it, for the presence and favor of God. In due time it is hoped that this portion of Israel will put on the garment of beauty and love, and with it be ready for the marriage supper of the Lamb. For the increased unity and community of feeling amongst its several mem-

bers, for the hopes of prosperity which they promise, and any feeble instrumentality of his own in this work of the Lord, the Rector has much cause to be grateful, and is very thankful.

JOHN CLAXTON, *Rector.*

Trinity Parish, Charles County.

Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3

I have preached in this parish several times during the last year, and administered the holy sacrament of the Lord's Supper to some who were unable to attend at the church, and to others who were sick, and have died. It is still, I believe, vacant, and an exceedingly interesting and desirable field of labor for an able and zealous minister of the gospel of Christ.

JOHN CLAXTON.

William and Mary Parish, St. Mary's County.

Baptisms, adults, whites, 1, infants, do. 13, col'd 18,	-	32
Communicants last reported, 96, added 9,	-	105
Died 5, removed 1,	-	6
Present number,	-	99
Marriages, white 6, colored 3,	-	9
Funerals,	-	9

R. MITCHELL, *Rector.*

Post Office, Great Mills.

St. Michael's, Tulbot County.

Baptisms, white 6, colored 8,	-	14
Funerals,	-	3
Marriages,	-	1
Communicants,	-	90

JOSEPH SPENCER, *Rector.*

St. Paul's Parish, Queen Ann's County.

The late Rector of St. Paul's parish, Queen Ann's county, reports from the 10th of May, 1835, to 1st January, 1836, when he resigned his charge, 8 baptisms, 1 marriage, 2 deaths. Subsequent to this, on the occasion of a visit, he performed other services, among which he records 7 baptisms and one burial. The sum total then will be

Baptisms, infants, white 10, colored 5,	-	15
Marriage,	-	1
Burials,	-	3
Communicants,	-	26
Died,	-	2
Removed,	-	1
Present number,	-	23
Confirmed,	-	8

Thirty dollars sixty-six cents by monthly collections for the Diocesan Missionary Society.

In extending his remarks, one of the most interesting circumstances now to be mentioned is, the erection and consecration of a new church in

the town of Centreville to the worship of Almighty God. This event took place about the middle of last July, in the presence of the Bishop of the Diocese and a respectable number of the clergy, and was succeeded by a continuation of services that gave much satisfaction, and we hope was productive of good effects. The church in the lower part of the parish still remains in a dilapidated state, and probably will not be repaired, inasmuch as it is contemplated to erect a new building in the little village of Queenstown about six miles distant, and in a more central situation. A considerable number of the parishioners it is believed are in favour of this change, which a variety of circumstances seems to render expedient, and should the vestry accede to their wishes and carry the project through, there is little doubt that the parish would be much benefitted by it.

The subject of the monthly collections upon the plan of the distinguished Bishop of New Jersey, has occupied much of his attention, and he thinks now that this system is fully established, and in a course of successful operation. The practicability of the scheme has been amply tested by experience, and certainly of all methods which have been employed for the purpose of aiding the church in a pecuniary point of view, none is so likely to realize a greater amount of means at less cost, and under fewer difficulties. The objection usually made by those whose minds are unaffected by religion when solicited to contribute money for the various purposes which she has in view, is the inconvenience of meeting the demands which the pious and benevolent are continually making upon their purses. But under this system this objection is entirely removed, because the sum which every one lays by in store weekly to be collected is so small that at the end of the month the contributor is scarcely sensible that he has given any thing, and thus while no one is in the slightest degree embarrassed, the object in question is silently accomplished, and in the large amount secured there is a full illustration of the beautiful precepts of our Saviour, "gather up the fragments that nothing be lost." If the whole body of the clergy would determine at once to adopt this system, there is little doubt that a sufficient fund would be raised in a very short time to enable the missionary society not only to supply every destitute station throughout the Diocese with a minister, but moreover to aid the poor parishioners either in rebuilding those altars which schism and a lapse of years have unhappily laid waste, or in erecting new ones to afford the few families that remain the inestimable privilege of public worship.

In a spiritual point of view then the hope is fondly indulged that the parish is in a state of improvement. The completion of a new church in one part, and the contemplated design to do the same work in another, the regular payment of its dues to the Bishops and convention fund, the monthly collections "to be distributed to the necessities of the saints," the attention which is beginning to be paid by the younger members of the congregations of both sexes to the Sunday School, an increasing interest in the behalf of the services of the temple, a spirit of enquiry in reference to the distinctive principles and doctrines of the Protestant Episcopal Church which is displaying itself in various quarters connected with desires after renewed holiness, and determinations to make a better use of those means of grace which they enjoy, may all be regarded as evidences of this fact.

Nothing now seems to be wanting but the exertions of a faithful and devoted pastor to keep up the existing state of things, and ripen it into an abundant harvest; and that the tender mercy of God may in due time supply them with such a person, is the late Rector's most sincere and ardent prayer.

ROBERT W. GOLDSBOROUGH.

Stepney and Spring Hill Parishes.

Since the last convention I have performed the following parochial duty :

Baptisms, in Stepney parish, white children 3, colored do. 3,	6
“ in Spring Hill Parish, white do 2, col'd do. 5,	7
There were confirmed in Spring Hill Parish, - - - -	26
Married in Spring Hill Parish, white, - - - -	2
Buried in Stepney parish, adult, - - - -	1
“ in Sussex county, Delaware, - - - -	1

FRANCIS H. LAIRD, *Rector.*

Salisbury, Somerset county, Dec. 8, 1835.

King and Queen Parish, St. Mary's County, Md.

Baptisms, white 14, colored 21, - - - -	35
Funerals, white, 10, colored 12, - - - -	22
Marriges, - - - - - - - -	4
Communicants last reported, - - - - -	41
Added, white 6, colored 4, - - - - -	10
Died, - - - - - - - -	3
Present number, - - - - - - - -	48
Confirmed by Bishop Stone, - - - - -	19

The result of my labours during the past year, have not been as valuable as could have been desired. It is but just, however, to the parish to remark, that difficulties which have hitherto retarded its prosperity, are in a great measure removed, and that the present prospects are more encouraging.

T. BILLOPP, *Rector.*

Chapico, St. Mary's County, Md.

Christ Church, Baltimore.

Number of communicants at last convention, - - -	225
Removed by death and otherwise, - - - -	10
Present number, - - - - - - - -	243
Baptisms, - - - - - - - -	27
Marriages, - - - - - - - -	14

Contributions between fourteen and fifteen dollars.

J. JOHNS, *Rector.*

The following resolutions were submitted.

Resolved by the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the diocese of Maryland, That a committee be appointed by this convention to ascertain the amount of debt due from the diocese and the proportion to be paid by each parish and congregation, and when so ascertained to forward to the rector and vestry of each parish and congregation a statement of the amount to be paid by them, and that said committee report to the next convention of this church the result of the enquiry.

Resolved further, That the several vestries be and are hereby requested as soon as they shall have had communicated to them the sums respectively due from them on account of the debt of the diocese to proceed to collect and remit the same to the treasurer of the convention, Mr. Richard H. Owen, corner Holliday and Fayette streets, Baltimore.

Resolved, That the said committee be instructed to devise some better mode of keeping the accounts of the convention funds, and to make a new apportionment of the same necessary to meet the expenses of the convention among the several parishes and congregations upon a principle similar to that adopted with respect to the Episcopal fund.

Which resolutions were read and ordered to be printed on the journal and referred to the next annual convention.

Resolved, that the sum of fifty dollars be paid to the secretary for his services, during the present session of the committee.

Resolved, that the sum of ten dollars be paid to the sexton of All Saints' Church, Frederick city, for services on the present occasion.

Resolved unanimously, that this convention are very sensible of the great kindness and hospitality manifested by the citizens of Frederick city, during the session of this body, and that an expression of their respectful acknowledgments be put upon the journal.

There being no further business before the convention, the session was closed with prayer and benediction by the bishop, when the house adjourned *sine die*.

WILLIAM M. STONE, D. D., President.

RICHARD M. HALL, Secretary.

Summary of the Parochial Reports, June 1st, 1836.

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code marked thus (°) have made no report.

The Secretary regrets that he is under the necessity of presenting a summary so imperfect in its details as the above, a reference to the table of the seventeen churches have made no parochial reports; the want of information therefore, is the reason of so unsatisfactory a result. In some instances also, where reports have been rendered, the information asked for has not been given. The attention of the Clergy is particularly requested to ~~be made of the parochial report on the last page.~~

LIST OF THE CLERGY
OF THE
DIOCESE OF MARYLAND,
JUNE 1, 1836.

The Clergymen to whose names an asterick () is prefixed, did not attend the meetings of the Convention.*

Right Rev. William Murray Stone, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, residing in Salisbury, Somerset county.

***Rev. Walter D. Addison.**

“ **Henry Asquith, Rector of St. Margaret's church, Westminster parish, near Annapolis, Anne Arundel county.**

“ ***Charles C. Austin, Rector of St Thomas' parish, Baltimore county.**

“ **John V. Bartow, Rector of Trinity church, Baltimore.**

“ ***Thomas Bayne, residing at Easton, Talbot county.**

“ **Henry H. Bean, Rector of Christ's church Washington City.**

“ ***Thomas Billopp, Rector of King and Queen parish, residing at Chaptico, St. Mary's county.**

“ **William F. Chesley, Rector of St. James' parish, West River, Anne Arundel County.**

“ ***John Claxton, Rector of St. Andrews' parish, St. Mary's county.**

“ **John Coleman, Rector of St. Stephen's parish, Cecilton, Cecil county.**

“ ***James M. G. Dale, Rector of All Saints' parish, Calvert county.**

“ **John Delaplane, Rector of St Thomas' church, Hancock, Washington county.**

“ **Robert B. Drane, Rector of St John's church, Hagerstown.**

“ ***William Duke, residing in Elkton, Cecil county.**

“ ***John Forman, residing in Poplar town, Worcester co.**

“ **Levin I. Gilliss, Rector of Prince George's and St. Bartholomew's parishes, Montgomery county.**

Rev. Robert W. Golsborough, Rector of All Hallows' parish, Anne Arundel county.

" **Robert Lloyd Goldsborough**, Rector of St. Georges' and St. John's parishes, Havre-de-Grace, Harford county.

" **Frederick D. Goodwin**, Rector of St. Paul's parish, Nottingham, Prince George's county.

" ***Henry B. Goodwin**, Charles county.

" **J. P. K. Henshaw**, D. D., Rector of St. Peter's church, Baltimore.

" **William Hawley**, Rector of St. John's church, Washington city.

" ***Edward Y. Higbee**, Rector Trinity church, Washington city.

" ***F. R. Hanson**, Missionary to China.

" ***Matthias Harris**, Rector of Christ church parish, Calvert county.

" **Hugh T. Harrison**, Rector of St. John's and Christ churches, Queen Caroline parish, Oakland Mills, Anne Arundel county.

" ***Frederick W. Hatch**, residing in Baltimore.

" ***Alfred Holmead**, Rector of St. James' parish, Baltimore county.

" ***Hector Humphreys**, D. D., principal of St. John's College, Annapolis,

" ***Daniel Higbee**, Missionary in Dorchester and Caroline counties.

" **John Johns**, D. D., Rector of Christ church, Baltimore.

" **Henry V. D. Johns**, Rector of All Saint's parish, Frederick city.

" **Leonard H. Johns**, residing in Frederick city.

" ***Clement F. Jones**, Rector of Chester parish, Chestertown, Kent county.

" ***Norris M. Jones**, residing in St. Mary's county.

" ***Jonathan Judd**, Rector of Great Choptank parish, Dorchester county.

" **John R. Keech**, Rector of St. John's parish, Baltimore and Harford counties, residing at Belle Air, Harford county.

" **Thaddeus Minor Leavenworth**, residing at Cumberland, Alleghany county.

" **George M'Elhiney**, Rector of St. Ann's parish, Annapolis.

" **George L. Mackenheimer**, Rector of Queen Ann parish, Prince Georges' county.

" **John Morgan**, Assistant Minister of St. Paul's church, Baltimore.

" ***John H. Marsden**.

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Rev. *Andrew T. M'Cormick, residing in Washington city.

“ **R. Mitchell**, Rector of William and Mary parish, St. Mary's county.

“ **John Owen**, Rector of St. Paul's parish, Centreville, Queen Ann's county.

“ **William Pinkney**, Rector of St. Matthews' church, Bladensburg, Prince Georges' county.

“ **Robert Prout**, Rector of Durham parish, Charles county.

“ **Robert H. Phillips**, Rector of St. Mark's parish, Maryland Tract, Frederick county.

“ ***Thomas Reid**.

“ ***J. J. Robertson**, D. D., Missionary to Greece.

“ ***John P. Robins**, residing at Snow Hill, Worcester county.

Rev. John P. Robinson, Rector of Sherwood chapel, Baltimore county.

“ ***Purnell F. Smith**, residing at Georgetown, Kent county.

“ **Joseph Spencer**, D. D., Rector of St. Michael's parish, Talbot county.

“ **John Swan**, Rector of Trinity church, Upper Marlborough.

“ **Philip Slaughter**, Rector of Christ's church, Georgetown, D. C.

“ ***M. R. Talbot**, Rector of Somerset and Coventry parishes, Somerset county.

“ ***Joseph Trapnell**, Rector of St. Peter's parish, Montgomery county, and Zion parish, Frederick county.

“ ***Fitch W. Taylor**.

“ ***John Wiley**, Rector of St. Peter's parish, Talbot county.

“ **William E. Wyatt**, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's parish, Baltimore.

“ ***Ralph Williston**, residing in Baltimore.

“ ***Lemuel Wilmer**, Rector of Port Tobacco parish, Charles' county.

“ ***Simon Wilmer**, Rector of Christ's church, Prince George's county.

“ ***H. Williams**, Rector of Trinity church, Elkton, Cecil county.

“ **Christian Wiltberger**, Rector of Rock Creek parish, Washington county, D. C.

“ ***William Levington**, (coloured) Rector of St. James' first African church, Baltimore.

LIST OF THE LAY DELEGATES,

*Who attended the Convention, and of the Parishes and Churches
which they represented.*

- Mr. Hugh Davey Evans**, St. Paul's Parish, Baltimore.
- " **Robert Neilson**, St. Peter's Church, Baltimore.
- " **James Howard**, Christ's church, Baltimore.
- " **Nathaniel Knight**, Trinity church, Baltimore.
- " **Charles W. Howard**, St. John's parish, Baltimore county.
- " **William T. Read**, St. John's church, Washington city.
- " **G. C. Grammer**, Trinity parish, do
- " **Thomas Turner**, Christ's church, Georgetown, D. C.
- " **John H. Dodson, Jr.**, Rock Creek parish, Washington
county, D. C.
- " **Richard Potts**, All Saints Parish, Frederick city.
- " **William Lynch**, St. Mark's parish, Frederick county.
- " **John H. Simmons**, Zion's parish, do
- " **William M. Maynadier**, Christ's church, Harford co.
- " **Richard H. Waters**, St. Ann's Parish, Annapolis.
- " **Benjamin Mullikin**, St. Margaret's church, Anne Arundel
county.
- " **John Thomas**, St. James' parish, do
- " **John Cook**, Prince George's parish, Montgomery county.
- " **Zachariah L. Magruder**, St. Bartholomew's parish, do.
- " **Horatio Wilcoxon**, St. Peter's parish, do.
- " **Trueman Belt**, Zion church, Prince George's county.
- Doct. John E. Berry**, St. Matthew's parish, do
- Mr. Grafton Tyler**, Queen Ann parish, do
- " **Samuel Hambleton**, St. Michael's parish, Talbot county.
- " **William A. Spencer**,
- " **Augustus Miller**, Trinity church, Elkton.
- " **Frisby Tilghman**, St. John's parish, Washington county.
- Doct. W. H. Briscoe**, St. Andrew's parish, St. Mary's county.

<i>Number of Clergymen in the Diocese at the last Consec-</i>	
<i>tion, (1835,) - - - - -</i>	66
<i>Added, - - - - -</i>	11—77
<i>Removed to other Dioceses, - - - - -</i>	9
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<i>Present number, - - - - -</i>	68
<i>Attended the Convention, - - - - -</i>	34
<i>Absent, - - - - -</i>	34—68
<i>Total number of Clergy and Laity Composing the Convention.</i>	
<i>Clergy, - - - - -</i>	34
<i>Laity, - - - - -</i>	27—61

FORM OF A PAROCHIAL REPORT.

_____ *Parish*, _____ *County*, *May*, 18____.

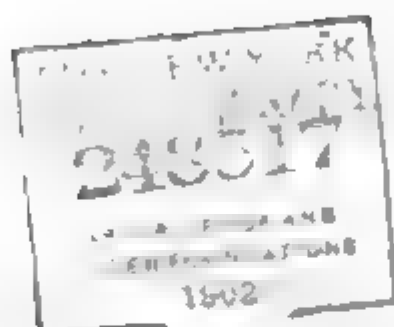
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"	. Infants, do.	—, do.	—, = —	}	. . .	—
Confirmed,	. . . white,	—, colored	—,	—
Communicants,	last reported,	—, added	—;	. . .	—	}
"	died	—, removed	—, withdrawn	—, suspended	—	}
Marriages,	. . . white	—, colored	—,	. . .	. . .	—
Funerals,	. . . do.	—, do.	—,	. . .	. . .	—
Sunday Schools,	Male Teachers	—, Scholars	—	}	Teachers,	—
"	" Female do.	—,	" —	}	Scholars,	—
Bible Classes,	. . Male members	—, Female members	—,	. . .	. . .	—
Weekday Schools,	number of scholars,	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	—

Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the church.

Remarks by the Rector.

Place of residence particularly designated.

_____, *Rector*.



The next Annual Convention will be held in Baltimore,
on the last Wednesday of May, 1837.

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BALLIMORE, *Wednesday, May 31st, 1837.*

On this day, the annual convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Maryland, met in St. Paul's Church, at 11 o'clock, A. M., according to appointment.

The morning prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Hawley, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Gilliss—The convention sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Spencer.

The Lord's supper was administered by the Right Rev. Bishop Stone, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Hawley and Rev. Mr. Gilliss.

RULES OF ORDER.

1st. The business of every day shall be introduced with prayer.

2d. This convention shall sit for the despatch of business, from 9 o'clock, A. M., until 3 o'clock, P. M.

3d. Every member shall take his seat when the President takes the chair, and remain uncovered until the convention adjourn.

4th. At the opening of each session of the convention, as soon as the President takes the chair, the names of the clergy, who were entitled to seats at the preceding convention, shall be called over by the Secretary of the last convention; or, in case of his absence, by a Secretary, pro-tem. to be appointed by the President. The lay delegates shall lay their certificates of appointment on the table of the Secretary, and subscribe the declaration required by the constitution. If a constitutional quorum be found present, the President shall thereupon declare the fact, and announce that the convention is organized and ready for business. A secretary shall be elected. The following committees shall then be appointed by the chair: One of elections, to consist of three, (to whom the testimonials of the lay delegates shall be referred;) one

on accounts, to consist of three; and one on the rights of clergymen to seats in this convention, to consist of three clergymen.

5th. If the Bishop of the Diocese shall not be present at any meeting of the convention, at the opening of the same, the names of the clergy who were entitled to seats at the preceding convention, shall be called over by the secretary of the last convention; or, in case of his absence, by the first named member of the standing committee who may be present.

The lay delegates shall lay their certificates of appointment on the table, and subscribe the declaration required by the constitution. If a constitutional quorum be present, a President, pro tempore, shall be elected, agreeably to the seventh article of the constitution. A Secretary shall be elected; and then the chair shall appoint the several committees mentioned in the fourth rule of order.

6th. The standing committee for the preceding year shall be the committee on the state of the church; and all parochial reports shall be referred to the said committee.

7th. Every member who shall deliver his opinion, or speak in any debate, shall stand up in his place; and with respect and decency, address himself to the President.

8th. If two or more members shall rise to speak at the same time, the President shall declare who shall speak first.

9th. No member shall speak more than twice in any debate except with leave; nor shall any member be interrupted while he is speaking in order. And if any member shall rise to speak more than twice on the same question, without leave, the president shall call him to order.

10th. Any member called to order by the President, or by a member, shall thereupon take his seat.

11th. When the convention is sitting, no member shall speak to another, so as to interrupt any member who may be speaking in a debate.

12th. No motion shall be debated until the same be seconded; and if desired by the President, reduced to writing, and read by the Secretary.

13th. When a motion is made and seconded, the matter of the motion shall receive a determination by the question, unless postponed by a motion for postponement, or by the previous question, before any other motion shall be received.

14th. If a question in debate contain more parts than one, any member may have the same divided into as many questions as there are parts.

15th. All questions of order shall be decided by the President. Upon all questions of order there shall be a right of appeal from the decision of the presiding officer to the convention.

16th. No member shall absent himself from the service of the convention, unless he may have leave, or be unable to attend.

17th. A question being once determined, shall stand as the judgment of the convention; and shall not be again drawn into debate during the same session, except with the consent of two-thirds of the convention.

18th. The foregoing rules of order shall be deemed and considered the rules of order of all future conventions, until altered or rescinded; and the same shall be published in the journal of each convention.

The names of clergymen entitled to seats at the last convention were called over by the secretary, agreeably to the 4th Rule of order. The following answered to their names.

Rt. Rev. WILLIAM M. STONE, D. D., *Bishop of the Diocese and President of the Convention.*

Rev. Henry Aisquith,	Rev. Jonathan Judd,
“ Charles C. Austin,	“ George McElhiney,
“ Levin I. Gilliss,	“ Geo. L. Mackenheimer,
“ Robert W. Goldsborough,	“ John Owen,
“ Hugh T. Harrison,	“ William Pinkney,
“ William Hawley,	“ Richard H. Phillips,
“ J. P. K. Henshaw, D. D.	“ John P. Robinson,
“ Alfred Holmead,	“ Joseph Spencer, D. D.
“ John Johns, D. D.	“ John Wiley,
“ Henry V. D. Johns,	“ W. E. Wyatt, D. D.

The Lay delegates, whose names follow, presented their testimonials and signed the declaration required by the constitution :

Mr. Horatio C. Scott,	Mr. Richard J. Bowie,
“ William M. Maynadier,	“ William Pumphrey,
“ Grafton Tyler,	“ William W. Johnstone,
“ William M'Knew,	“ John Tilghman,
“ Washington Berry,	“ Edward T. Trip, Jr.
“ John S. Williams,	“ Dr. George R. Pearce,
“ John T. Day,	“ William Krebs,
“ James Harwood,	“ Z. L. Magruder,

Mr. D. W. Middleton,	Mr. James Sewell,
" Thomas John Clagett,	" John E. Hayward,
" Franklin Anderson,	" Charles H. Wiltberger.

A constitutional quorum being present, the President announced that the convention was organized and ready to proceed to business.

Mr. Richard M. Hall was re-elected secretary.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That clergymen from other dioceses, candidates for holy orders and students of divinity, be admitted to honorary seats in this convention.

Application for admission into the diocese of St. Andrew's Church, in the city of Baltimore.

An application for admission into the diocese of St. Andrew's Church, in the city of Baltimore, as a separate congregation, was received, and on motion, referred to a committee consisting of the

Rev. Dr. HENSHAW,
Col. JOHN TILGHMAN,
FRANKLIN ANDERSON, Esq.

Adjourned until 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, June 1st.

The convention met at 9 o'clock, according to adjournment. The morning prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Chesley.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved. The following clergymen appeared and took their seats.

Rev. Thomas Billopp,	Rev. John Claxton,
" W. F. Chesley,	" Hector Humphreys,
" Clement F. Jones,	" John R. Keech,
" Robert Prout,	" Joseph Trapnell,
" Henry Williams,	

The following named lay delegates appeared, signed the declaration, and took their seats.

Mr. Thomas J. Dorsett,	Mr. John Lowry,
" Thomas O. Bean,	" Richard H. Marshall,
Dr. Mackall Harris,	" Benjamin O. Lowndes,
Mr. Henry N. Kirk,	Dr. Walter H. Briscoe,
" Otho H. Williams,	Dr. Allen Thomas,
" Samuel Hambleton,	Judge Eccleston,
" Joshua Hutchins,	Mr. Thomas S. Alexander.

The following committees were appointed by the President:

On the rights of Clergymen to seats in this Convention.

Rev. Mr. Hawley, Rev. Mr. Judd, Rev. Mr. Chesley.

On Elections of Lay Delegates.

Mr. Franklin Anderson, Mr. Washington Berry, Judge Harwood.

On Parochial Contributions.

Rev. Mr. Gilliss, Mr. Johnstone, Mr. Krebs.

On Accounts.

Rev. Mr. Mackenheimer, Mr. H. C. Scott, Mr. John E. Hayward.

The committee to whom was referred the application of St. Andrew's Church, in the city of Baltimore, report—

That from the evidence before the committee it appears that the said church has been duly organized according to the provisions of the general incorporating act of 1802, and is entitled to all the rights and privileges of a separate congregation, and to be received into connection with this diocese, they therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the congregation of St. Andrew's Church, in the city of Baltimore, having duly organized themselves, according to law, be recognised and received as a separate congregation of this diocese, and entitled to all the rights and privileges of a separate congregation.

J. P. K. HENSHAW, *Chairman*.

The above report was accepted, and the resolution admitting St. Andrew's Church in the diocese, adopted.

The Bishop then delivered his annual address, as follows:

Reverend brethren

and brethren of the Laity:

At the annual return of our diocesan conventions, when duty calls us together to consult for the best interests of the church, it becomes her constituted guardians, calmly and deliberately to investigate every subject properly presented to them, which has for its object the glory of God and the salvation of souls. As members of the same church, holding the same creed, worshipping at the same altars, respecting the honest views and opinions of each other, let us in the spirit of love and mutual forbearance, endeavor to strengthen each others' hands, that religion and piety may be established among us for all generations.

The general increasing prosperity of that distinguished branch of the church to which we belong should fill our hearts with gratitude and joy, and excite us to renewed efforts in building up her waste places. But especially should we look at home, and see whether our church holds here that rank which she ought to occupy among her sister dioceses. This object can only be effected by applying the means which Providence has graciously placed within our reach to meet her increasing wants. If by timely effort and persevering industry we strive to meet them, we have scriptural ground for hoping that success will crown our efforts, and that our labor will not be in vain in the Lord. I have the pleasure to say, that many of our parishes, through a faithful performance of ministerial duties, are in a prosperous condition, and evince an increasing attachment to the spirituality of the gospel, and to the distinctive principles of the church. But, I am still constrained to say, that there are others much depressed and struggling for existence amidst a host of contending difficulties. Should we not have it in our power to do as much as we could wish towards relieving the wants of our less favored brethren, it may still be well to remind you, that the little which each can do, will, in the aggregate, amount to a sum sufficiently large to meet present exigencies, and prevent the entire extinction of some of our parishes. The few remaining churchmen in those forsaken districts, are not insensible to their wants and privations, but, evince a deep sense of their deplorable situation by their importunate supplications for aid. While they conscientiously do what they can in their own behalf, let us not turn aside from their solicitations as if we heard them not; but, in the spirit of brotherly affection and kindness reach out to them the assisting hand.

My visitation during the past year embraced the most destitute sections of our diocese, where the church was once the scoff and ridicule of contending sectaries. But a different state of things now begins to exist, and a desire prevails among many, who are unconnected with any religious denomination, to see the church of their fathers re-established among them. Prejudices against her principles, worship and ministry, are daily wearing away, and had we at this time a greater number of faithful laborers in the missionary field, those barren wastes would soon assume a different appearance, and we might, without presumption, reasonably anticipate a joyful increase—an abundant harvest. But if this favorable season for sowing the good seed is suffered to pass away unimproved, tares will

spring up instead of wheat, and so favorable an opportunity may never again offer. This consideration I wish deeply to impress upon your minds, in order that the different parishes which you represent, may be urged to do more than they have hitherto done in aid of our Domestic Missionary society. I have too high an opinion of the liberality of the Episcopal community generally to suppose for a moment, if the wants of the diocese were clearly unfolded to their view, and their minds impressed with the justice of the appeal, that they would withhold the small contribution which the interests of the gospel demand at their hands. The church looks to her clergy for a prominent agency in this most holy work, and to show by their well timed efforts, that they themselves feel the weight of the obligation under which they lie, in order that the laity may be encouraged to come forward in co-operation, and give according to the ability which God has given them. I might here with propriety hold out to your view the example set us by other dioceses; but, I am willing to hope that a sense of duty will do more in behalf of the cause for which I am pleading, than a sense of ambition, or rivalry, or regret for past neglect.

Agreeably to the provisions of the seventh canon of the General Convention of 1835, I now proceed to lay before you a statement of the duties which I have performed, and such other matters as may throw light upon the state of the diocese.

On Friday, June the 3d, I preached in Baltimore, and consecrated to the worship of Almighty God a very handsome edifice for the congregation of old Christ church, which has since been abandoned by that parish. This church is under the pastoral charge of the reverend Dr. Johns. It is however a subject of painful regret, more especially as the state of our churches in the cities has a considerable influence on the condition of religion in the country, that in the city of Baltimore more than thirty years have elapsed since we had an accession to our number of Episcopal churches. It is true that during that period St. Paul's church, which I well remember as a small and incommodious building, has been replaced upon a scale which now accommodates more than double the number that could have worshiped in the ancient edifice; and that the present Christ Church, though more spacious than the former, has a large portion of its pews disposed of. But it is nevertheless the case that while the city has extended itself in all directions, and its population is nearly tripled, the number of

congregations remains stationary. Should this record of a melancholy fact happen to meet the eye of a churchman residing in that place, may it lead to the inquiry why it is so, while other cities are setting an example worthy of all imitation.

On Saturday, June the 4th, I attended at Sherwood chapel, Baltimore county, for the purpose of setting apart that house to the worship of Almighty God; but, in consequence of the bad state of the roads and weather, only a few persons attended, and it was thought advisable to defer the consecration.

On Sunday, June the 5th, I preached at the parish church in St. James' parish, Baltimore county. The persons who were expected to be confirmed could not attend church in consequence of the inclemency of the weather.

On Tuesday, June 7th, I preached at the chapel in St. John's parish, Harford and Baltimore counties.

On Wednesday, June the 8th, I preached at the parish church of the same parish. The congregation was small in consequence of the rain which continued to fall.

On Thursday, June the 9th, I preached in St. George's parish, Harford county, and confirmed *five* persons.

On Friday, June the 10th, I preached at Havre de grace, Harford county, and confirmed *sixteen* persons.

On Saturday, June the 11th, I preached at North East church, Cecil county. This church which had long been vacant, at that time received a part of the services of the Rev. Mr. Williams who resided in Elkton.

On Sunday, July the 12th, I preached in Elkton, Cecil county, and confirmed *seven* persons.

On Tuesday, July the 19th, I preached at Wye church, Queen Anne county.

On Wednesday, July 20th, I preached at Centreville, Queen Anne County.

On Thursday, July the 21st, I preached at Church Hill, Queen Anne county. I am sorry to say that nothing has been done since my last visit, to resuscitate this fallen parish. Unless it should obtain the services of a missionary, it must soon become extinct. And how painful must it be to the lovers of our church, to see it blotted out from the list of parishes!

On Sunday, July the 24th, I preached at Chestertown, Kent county, in the morning, and confirmed *five* persons. In the afternoon I preached in St. Paul's parish, and confirmed *two* persons; and at night I again preached in Chestertown. On this occasion several of my clerical brethren met me, and the regular services of the church were continued for three days.

On Tuesday, July the 26th, I preached in Shrewsbury parish, Kent county. Since my last visit to this parish, the old church has been taken down, and a new building erected, which was expected soon to be ready for consecration.

On Wednesday, July the 27th, I preached in St. Stephen's parish, Cecil county. The next day (28th) I again preached in the same parish, and confirmed *five* persons. In the afternoon I preached in Bohemia manor. Some years since there was a large church in this parish, which has been razed to its foundation by sacrilegious hands, and not a vestige of the building now remains. The few churchmen that are left, seriously talk of erecting a church. Whether they will be able, reduced as they are in numbers, to effect so desirable an object is very doubtful. I endeavored to encourage them to go on in prosecution of so laudable a design.

On Sunday, July the 31st, I ordained in Trinity church, Baltimore, the reverend Richard H. Philips, and the reverend John Owen to the order of priests. On this occasion the reverend Dr. Wyatt preached the funeral sermon of the Rev. Mr. Bartow; and at the close addressed the candidates who were to be ordained. The Rev. Dr. Wyatt, and the Rev. Messrs. Williston and Billopp united in laying on of hands.

On Monday, August the 1st, I preached to a large congregation, and consecrated to the service of God, Sherwood chapel, Baltimore county.

On Tuesday, August the 2d, I preached at the parish church in St. James' parish, Baltimore county, and confirmed *four* persons.

On Wednesday, August the 3d, I preached in the chapel of said parish, and administered the holy communion.

On Sunday, August the 28th, I preached at Tryaskin chapel, Stepney parish, Somerset county.

On Sunday, September the 4th, I preached at Green Hill church, Stepney parish.

On Sunday, September the 12th, I preached at Vienna, Dorchester county.

On Friday, November the 4th, I preached at White Marsh church, St. Peter's parish, Talbot county. In consequence of the protracted illness of the rector, no preparation had been made for confirmation.

On Saturday, November the 5th, I preached in Christ church, Easton, and admitted Mr. Henry Crosdale, an alumnus of the General Theological Seminary, to the holy order of deacons. The candidate was presented by the Rev. Dr. Spencer.

On Sunday, November the 6th, I preached in St. Michael's church, St Michael's parish, Talbot county.

On Sunday, November the 27th, I preached at Princess Anne, Somerset parish, Somerset county, and confirmed *thirteen* persons. In the afternoon I preached at Monie chapel in the same parish.

On Sunday, December the 4th, I preached at Rehoboth church, Coventry parish, and confirmed *one* person.

On Monday, December the 5th, I preached at Dividing creek chapel, Worcester county.

On Sunday, February the 26th, I preached at the church in Cambridge, Great Choptank parish, and admitted Mr. Henry S. Keppler to the holy order of Deacons, and at the same time the Rev. M. R. Talbot was advanced to the order of the priesthood. In the same church, on the same day, I confirmed *two* persons.

On Sunday, March the 19th, I preached in St. Paul's church, Baltimore, and confirmed *forty* persons. In the afternoon I officiated in St. James' church, Baltimore, and confirmed *twenty-one* persons.

On Wednesday evening, March the 22d, I preached in Christ church, Baltimore, and confirmed *thirty-one* persons. On this occasion I admitted the Rev. Alfred Holmead to the holy order of priests.

On Thursday evening, March the 23d, I preached in St. Peter's church, Baltimore, and confirmed *forty-one* persons, one of whom belonged to St. Paul's church.

On Sunday, May the 7th, I preached in Salisbury, Spring Hill Parish, Somerset county.

On Sunday, May the 14th, I preached in Spring Hill church, Spring Hill parish, Somerset county.

On Sunday, May the 21st, I preached in old Christ church Baltimore, and confirmed *eight* persons.

On Tuesday, May the 23d, I preached at Saint chapel, near Vansville, and confirmed *three* persons.

On Wednesday, the 24th, I attended at St. Matthew's church, and confirmed *one* person. The congregation was very small in consequence of the inclemency of the day.

On Friday evening, the 26th, I preached in Christ church, Georgetown, D. C. and confirmed *twelve* white and *four* colored persons.

On Sunday, the 28th, I preached in St. John's church, Washington city, and confirmed *nine* persons: in the afternoon in Christ church and confirmed *nine* persons: at night in Trinity church and confirmed *twenty-four* persons.

On Monday, the 29th, I preached at Rock Creek church, and confirmed *nine persons*.

Clerical changes:—The Rev. Mr. Drane has removed to the diocese of North Carolina. Rev. Mr. Swan to the diocese of Ohio. Rev. Mr. Hatch to the diocese of New York. Rev. Mr. Leavenworth to the diocese of Kentucky. Rev. Mr. Wiltberger to the diocese of Pennsylvania. Rev. Frederick D. Goodwin to the diocese of Virginia. Rev. Mr. Higbee to the diocese of New York. Rev. Mr. Dale to the diocese of Mississippi. Rev. Mr. Coleman to the diocese of Pennsylvania. Rev. Mr. Morgan to the diocese of New York. Rev. John Alberger from the diocese of Virginia, has been received into this diocese. Rev. James A. McKenny, from the diocese of South Carolina, has been appointed rector of William and Mary parish, Charles county. Rev. Alexander M. Marbury, from the diocese of Virginia, has charge of Trinity church, Upper Marlborough, Prince George's county. Rev. James D. Nicholson, from the diocese of New York, has accepted a call to Trinity parish, Charles county. Rev. Mr. Williams has resigned his charge in Elkton, and accepted a call to All Saint's parish, Calvert county. Rev. Mr. Owen has been called to Trinity church, Washington city. Rev. Mr. Wiley has resigned his charge in Easton, and accepted the rectorship of St. John's church, Hagerstown. Rev. John P. Robertson has resigned Sherwood chapel, and accepted a call to St. Paul's parish, Queen Ann's county. Rev. Henry Crosdale has been appointed an assistant minister in St. Paul's church, Baltimore. Rev. Mr. Harris has accepted a call to Emanuel parish, Alleghany county. Rev. Mr. Robins has been appointed an assistant minister in All Hallows parish, Worcester county. Rev. Henry V. D. Johns has resigned his parish in Frederick city, and is now officiating as the minister of a new congregation organized in the city of Baltimore, under the name of St. Andrew's church. Rev. Henry S. Keppler has accepted a call to All Saint's parish, Frederick city. Rev. Robert Piggot, from the diocese of Pennsylvania, has been received into this diocese, and is rector of St. Stephen's parish, Cecil county. Mr. Warner Hoyt a candidate for orders in Connecticut, has been transferred to this diocese.

Deaths.—Since our last convention, the Rev. Mr. Bartow, and the Rev. Mr. Levington (a colored man) were suddenly called to render an account of their stewardship.

Under the head of *clerical changes*, you see, my respected brethren of the laity, that the diocese has lost during the past

year more clergymen than it has gained; and consequently we have now many vacant parishes. There is no doubt a cause existing somewhere for this sad change. It would be an act of injustice to ascribe this materially to a fondness for change on the part of the clergy, but, to the extreme difficulty of making comfortable provision for themselves and families. At the present prices of all the important articles consumed in a family, it is impossible with the small salaries which our country clergy receive, that they can meet the demands made upon them. To prevent the accumulation of debt, which is the certain consequence of an inadequate support, many are compelled to look to other sections of the church for support, in hopes of finding a more favorable state of things. Though often cast down with disappointed hopes, they see no other alternative but to throw themselves and families upon the liberality of strangers. If a favorable change should not then take place in your support of the ministry, we have already had a certain evidence of what we may farther expect, that our young men of piety and talents will press into the service of the newly organized dioceses, and leave our churches here in a state of destitution. Were our parishes so reduced in numbers as to be unable to support their ministers, some apology might be made for the neglect of so radically important a duty. But we know that this is not generally the case—that a large portion of the wealth of this state is in the hands of Episcopalians, and an ample support should therefore be expected for those who have devoted themselves to the work of the ministry.

As I have on more than one occasion presented this subject to the serious consideration of the laity, I shall not at present enlarge upon it. Occupying as you do, prominent situations in the parishes which you represent, your influence, if properly exerted, will do much towards removing the evil of which we so justly complain. You are placed in a situation to urge the claims of the ministry without reserve, or fear of giving offence; while the clergy are restrained by a sense of delicacy from expressing themselves freely, upon a subject in which they are personally interested, lest their motives should be impeached, and their usefulness retarded. Thus situated, they are obliged silently to submit to the attendant evils of poverty, while their congregations claim the whole of their time and services. Should this state of things continue, none can be surprised, if the number of vacant parishes should increase in the diocese. Under present existing

circumstances, we see nothing to prevent it. Could the attention of the laity be aroused from torpid indifference and unconcern, to a sense of the obligation under which they lie, to support those who labor among them in word and in doctrine, we feel persuaded that they would at once acknowledge the justness of the claim, and the necessity of making a christian requital for the services which they receive from the clergy. But alas! here is the difficulty. The aggrieved party complain in secret, while few, very few, take any interest in their privations, perplexities, or the injustice done to their families. The sums subscribed for the support of the gospel among us, though generally so small that they are little thought of, are allowed to accumulate from year to year, until a real difficulty arises in paying them. At length the subscription list is mislaid or lost, and the debt forgotten by all but the sufferers to whom it is due.

I will not detain you any longer from the business of the convention, but, will now conclude by fervently praying that the great head of the church may be present with you in all your consultations; and that they may have for their object the glory of God, the good of His church, and the safety, honor and welfare of His people!

WILLIAM M. STONE.

The following resolution was then submitted, and on motion made and seconded, was adopted.

Resolved, That 1000 copies of the Bishop's charge relating to the support of the clergy be printed separate from and sent out with the journal for distribution amongst the congregations throughout the disocess.

It was on motion, *Resolved*, That Christ's Church, St. John's Parish, Prince George's county, be relieved from the arrearages due the Convention fund, with the understanding that the delinquency with respect to the Bishop's fund, be paid at this and the next convention.

The committee on the rights of clergymen to seats in this convention, report in favor of the following gentlemen.

Rev. Henry Aisquith,
" C. C. Austin,
" Walter C. Addison,
" Henry H. Bean,
" Tho. Billopp,
" Wm. F. Chesley,

Rev. George McElhiney,
" G. L. Mackenheimer,
" R. Mitchell,
" John Owen,
" Wm. Pinkney,
" Robert Prout,

Rev. John Claxton,	Rev. R. H. Phillips,
" John Delaplane,	" Thomas Reed,
" William Duke,	" J. J. Robertson, D. D.
" Levin I. Gilliss,	" John P. Robinson,
" Robt. W. Goldsborough,	" Joseph Spencer, D.D.
" Robt. L. Goldsborough,	" M. R. Talbot,
" F. R. Hanson,	" Joseph Trapnell,
" Matthias Harris,	" John Wiley,
" H. T. Harrison,	" Lemuel Wilmer,
" William Hawley,	" Henry Williams,
" J. P. K. Henshaw, D. D.	" Wm. E. Wyatt, D. D.
" Alfred Holmead,	" James A. McKenney,
" H. Humphreys, D. D.	" Alexander M. Marbury,
" John Johns, D. D.	" Henry Crosdale,
" Henry V. D. Johns,	" Daniel Higbee,
" Leonard H. Johns,	" John P. Robins,
" Clement F. Jones,	" Philip Slaughter,
" Jonathan Judd,	" Simon Wilmer,
" Jno. R. Keech,	" Henry S. Keppler.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. HAWLEY,

JONA. JUDD,

WM. FITZHUGH CHESLEY.

The foregoing report was accepted.

The committee on the election of Lay Delegates, having examined the credentials submitted to them, report the following list of delegates, as entitled to seats in this convention.

Horatio C. Scott,	Zachariah L. Magruder,
William M. Maynadier,	James Sewall,
Grafton Tyler,	John Tilghman,
William McKnew,	John E. Hayward,
Washington Berry,	Franklin Anderson,
John S. Williams,	Charles H. Wiltberger,
John T. Day,	Thomas J. Dorsett,
James Harwood,	John Lowry,
D. W. Middleton,	Thomas O. Bean,
Thomas J. Clagett,	Richard H. Marshall,
Richard J. Bowie,	Mackall Harris,
William Humphrey,	Benjamin O. Lowndes,
George R. Pearce,	Henry N. Kirk,
Walter Krebs,	William H. Briscoe,

Otho H. Williams,
Allen Thomas,
Samuel Hambleton,

John B. Eccleston,
Thomas S. Alexander,
Joshua Hutchins,

F. ANDERSON, *Chairman.*

The above report was accepted.

A motion was made to rescind the resolution passed at the last annual convention, to secure punctual payment to the Bishop's fund, (see Journal 1836, p. 22,) an amendment was offered, making the vestries instead of the clergymen responsible, and the resolution thus amended was referred to the committee on parochial contributions.

The following resolution, &c. was submitted and adopted:

Whereas, The house of bishops, at the request and with the concurrence of the house of clerical and lay deputies have expressed their opinion as to the appropriate postures to be used by the ministers and congregations of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, in the use of the psalms and hymns in metre, and of the communion service, with a view to promote that uniformity in congregational worship which is so important to the maintaining of the beauty of holiness in the performance of the services of the church—and *whereas*, notwithstanding these opinions and recommendations deliberately adopted and expressed by the general convention, a diversity of usage exists to some extent in the congregations of this diocese,

Therefore, Resolved, That the recommendation of the general convention of 1814, in relation to the proper posture during the act of singing psalms and hymns in metre—and the recommendation of the house of bishops in 1832, in relation to the use of different parts of the service and the postures to be observed in the performance of the communion service, be printed in the appendix to the journal of this convention.

2d. *Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of every minister of this church, who has not heretofore done it, to read the above named recommendations to his congregation on some occasion of public worship.

Mr. Richard H. Owen, was re-elected treasurer.

The committee appointed at the last annual Convention to enquire into the expediency of establishing one or more seminaries of learning, report as follows:

Report of the committee appointed at the Convention in Fredericktown, 1836, on the subject of diocesan schools.

The committee appointed in compliance with a resolution of the last convention, to inquire into the expediency and practicability of establishing one or more seminaries of learning in this diocese, beg leave to report,

That in their estimation few subjects are worthier of the respectful consideration of the church, than that of education conducted on christian principles.

The want of such seminaries of learning as those contemplated in the resolution has long been felt, not only in this, but in other dioceses: successful efforts have been made, to establish schools under the patronage of the church in Connecticut, Ohio and North Carolina. The members of our communion have been prompt in sustaining all such enterprises, where they have been judiciously commenced.

These seminaries secure to our youth a thorough education in all necessary branches of secular learning, and also, religious principles and preferences in accordance with the doctrines, discipline and usages of the church; for in these institutions it is, as it should be, frankly avowed, that instruction will be given in the truths of religion embraced in the articles and formularies of the Protestant Episcopal church.

Of the want of such seminaries in this diocese it is unnecessary to speak, for it is confidently believed, this is universally admitted. We are provided with several private schools of high character and worth, but their usefulness is necessarily limited by the want of sufficient capital to carry them on efficiently and must cease with the life of their conductors.

The college at Annapolis is annually rising, and under auspices so deservedly esteemed as those which now preside over it, will afford most desirable facilities for sound and useful as well as varied and ornamental learning. But these establishments do not occupy the ground contemplated by the resolution of the last convention; it having reference to seminaries of learning amenable to the church, and so constituted as to combine every attainable advantage of secular education with the most ample safeguards of moral and religious character. Individual and private enterprise cannot provide permanently for this department of usefulness, whilst state legislation may not be expected to do it. The church must have her own schools and seminaries, or suffer her youth to be alienated from her by the impressions of sectarian education, or what is worse, of education which totally renounces all religious influence.

As members of the Protestant church, we have a deeper interest at stake in this department, than any other diocese of the country; for it is not to be denied, that numbers of parents are now educating their children at seminaries where, after every allowance of charity, we are constrained to believe sound and pure religious principles are not safe, and it is well known that the plea usually assigned in justification of these measures, is, that there are no other schools of equal rank.

The church in Maryland has done nothing to meet this plea: is it not incumbent upon her to awake to its admitted importance? As the want of such schools as those alluded to cannot be denied, your committee are prepared to recommend them as calculated to be eminently useful.

The subject has been submitted to several gentlemen in different sections of the diocese, and has met with their entire approbation.

As to the practicability of establishing such seminaries, the committee will be unable to express their views, without asking permission to sketch the outlines of the plan which has occurred to them, it is as follows:

1st. That the church in Maryland should make the experiment with one, but should aim at the ultimate establishment of five seminaries; locating two on the Eastern Shore and three on the Western.

A clergyman of the diocese, whose age and long acquaintance with the duties of instruction, qualify him for giving sound views upon a subject like this, writes thus, in answer to inquiries presented to him by one of your committee.

“As it regards the number of schools which you propose to establish in our diocese, under the auspices of the church, I see no reason to dissent from you. The church could no doubt support a greater number: nor does it appear to me, that five, for the whole diocese, will meet the wants of her members. Still it is better to make the experiment on a small scale, and should it be attended with success, the plan can afterwards be enlarged to any extent that may be deemed expedient.”

2dly. That these seminaries should occupy a more elevated rank than is usually assigned to academies, without rising to the position of colleges: that they should be of an intermediate character; so elementary, and at the same time so advanced in their course of studies, as to furnish every facility for a tolerably extensive education, or qualify for one of the higher classes in our most approved colleges.

The gentleman whose sentiments have been already quoted, in alluding to this feature in the proposed plan observes, "my views also coincide with yours, on the course of instruction which should be adopted in the proposed schools, and on the rank which they should hold among the seminaries of our country. In most of our academies, the course of instruction is exceedingly defective; scarcely any thing is taught in them except a little Greek and Latin, and the mere elements of arithmetic and mathematics. They afford no mental training, establish no correct habits of thinking, and in addition to this the government of many of them is so bad, their discipline is so miserably inefficient, that the time spent at them is often worse than wasted.

"Nor is the case much better with our colleges. They make great professions on paper, and when a student enters any one of them, he expects to encounter a formidable array of languages and sciences, and so he does: but from his own previous very imperfect preparation; from the shortness of the period allotted for his college course, and the consequent superficial manner in which he is compelled to run over his studies, he comes away a perfect master of scarcely a single one of the branches to which his attention was directed. These are great evils—evils which have had a most pernicious influence on the learning of our country; and the only way in which they can be corrected is, by establishing institutions with less pretensions, but better fitted to afford real profound mental culture—institutions in which the proper healthy development of the intellectual and moral powers, and not a diploma will be regarded as the main object of education; and I may add, institutions in which religion will hold not a subordinate rank, or perhaps no rank at all, among the branches taught, but will be placed upon that high and commanding ground, to which it is entitled in every seminary in a christian country."

3d. That each seminary should consist of two departments: one for males and the other for females; and that they should be located in the most healthy and accessible sections of the state; upon small farms of from thirty to fifty acres—that the buildings for the male and female departments should be so placed as to prevent all intercourse between the scholars, and yet allow the teachers of the male department, opportunity to assist in giving instruction to some of the higher classes of the female department.

Better salaries could thus be secured for the male teachers,

and more thorough instruction afforded in certain branches of female education.

It would also be recommended that the proposed buildings should be plain and substantial, so as to avoid the heavy expense too often incurred in similar enterprises.

4th. That these institutions should be placed beneath the care of a board of education to be elected triennially by the convention of the diocese, and that the Bishop should be ex officio President of this board; and the Principal of each seminary a member ex officio.

5th. That an application should be made to the legislature of the state to incorporate the board of education, and to grant to the property of the seminaries exemption from taxation.

6th. That the requisite funds to carry these plans into operation should be raised by creating stock, bearing an interest of five per cent.; and that an inducement to subscribe this stock be held forth, by an engagement to reduce the charge of board and tuition, to all parents or guardians who take a certain amount of stock.

7th. That the board of education be authorized to open books of subscription, to such an amount of stock as they may deem necessary to procure suitable grounds and buildings for the proposed seminary, and to adopt measures for obtaining and compensating competent instructors,—arranging the outlines of the course of study,—the terms of board and tuition, and all other matters which may claim their attention in the incipency and progress of this work.

8th. That the number of pupils in each department of the seminary should be limited to fifty. The object of this regulation being avowed to be, to prevent trouble in government, and to secure to each pupil a just measure of instruction from the teachers.

9th. That the board be required out of the avails of these seminaries, to educate, at half cost, the orphans of deceased, destitute clergy who have labored five years, and entirely gratuitously the children of those who have labored ten or more years in this diocese; and that in all cases a deduction of one third be made from the usual charges in favor of the children of clergymen.

The practicability of establishing such institutions can only be tested by experiment: other dioceses have attempted these enterprises, and have succeeded; then, why should we fail?

The expense to be incurred in making an experiment with

one seminary, to be located in the vicinity of Baltimore, would be trifling, and could easily be met, provided the church would cordially unite in the effort.

It has been calculated that one hundred thousand dollars have been taken out of the state in one year, to defray the expense of educating Maryland youth in the schools and colleges of other states; if we had seminaries such as have been proposed, who can doubt that they would be sustained?

The expense of education is much enhanced by travelling, and hence, as the charges at our most approved schools are considerably advanced, much anxiety pervades the minds of parents whose pecuniary resources are moderate: and yet, never was there an age when the importance of education was more appreciated: it is a subject of increasing interest throughout our whole country and with every denomination of christians.

Such is the want, even in the city of Baltimore, of a seminary of learning of an elevated intellectual character and of a decided christian influence, that it is highly probable such an institution would be filled to overflowing in less than a twelve month, and instead of requiring the fostering care of the church, would soon become a source of revenue. Money would not so much be wanted as men of lofty intellectual and moral worth to assume the charge of these nurseries, of sound learning and religion.

To show that these remarks are well founded, it is only necessary to state the probable income of such institutions.

Fifty pupils at two hundred and fifty dollars each, (and this I believe is fifty dollars less than the charge at the Flushing Institute,) would yield an income of twelve thousand five hundred dollars, which would enable the board to give the principal of the seminary a salary of fifteen hundred dollars, and two assistants one thousand each, leaving a balance of nine thousand dollars for other expenses.

But if the institution should consist of two apartments, after the plan adopted, with entire success, in the Jesuit seminaries, so as to receive both male and female pupils, the revenue would be doubled, and would amount to twenty-five thousand dollars per annum: a sum amply sufficient to sustain the enterprise upon the plan proposed.

The chief difficulty would attend the commencement of this work, but if it could be begun in a plain and unostentatious manner, avoiding all unnecessary expense in the erection of buildings and the collection of apparatus and libraries: relying more upon the excellency of its intellectual and moral ar-

rangements, and the character of its professors and teachers, than upon any display of architecture or extensive courses of study; above all, could the plan conciliate the kind regards, and command the united prayers and patronage of the clergy and laity of the diocese, it would certainly succeed.

At present, there is no object of enlarged benevolence before this diocese, nothing to arouse the dormant energies of charity and zeal; at least, there is nothing of sufficient interest to produce these effects; our domestic missions are languishing, our youth are abandoned, during the period when character is so usually formed, to those who have no partiality for our views of primitive truth and order; hence the institutions of the church are in a drooping condition. If any scheme of christian enterprise could be devised of sufficient attraction to enlist the ardent efforts of the members of our communion, who can tell, but that under the blessing of God, it might not be the means of infusing new life into every department of diocesan usefulness? And what can be named in our age and especially in this diocese, of equal interest or more divested of all topics which may ever have divided us in opinion, than the subject of education conducted on christian principles and conformed to the doctrines and usages of our venerable church.

With these remarks this subject is respectfully commended to the favorable consideration of this convention. It would have been an easy task to enlarge this report by copious extracts from the charges of our bishops; the documents of our conventions, the history of our church in the United States, and of the church in every age and nation; but it is presumed these are unnecessary. The spirit of the age calls for christian education, and if we will not respond to this call others will, but our church will suffer.

HENRY V. D. JOHNS,
Chairman of the Committee.

The foregoing report was unanimously adopted.

It was on motion *Resolved*, That the next annual Convention be held in Centreville.

An election was held for standing committee for the ensuing year.

The Rev. DR. WYATT,

“ DR. JOHNS,

“ DR. HENSHAW,

“ GEORGE McELHINEY,

“ JONATHAN JUDD,

“ DR. SPENCER,

“ CLEMENT F. JONES.

} *Were elected for the
Western Shore.*

} *Were elected for the
Eastern Shore.*

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The committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of the Convention, respectfully report, that they have examined all the accounts and vouchers furnished, and find the same correct.

GEORGE L. MACKENHEIMER, *Chairman.*

Dr. *Protestant E. Convention of Md. in acc't with R. H. Owen, Treas. Cr.*

1836.			1836.		
May 23	To Balance, - - -	\$ 10 86	May 30	By committee to receive the convention fund, by hands of H. D. Evans, Esq.	\$227 00
June 4	To cash paid Lucas & Deaver, for balance due on Journal of 1835, - - -	60 11		By ditto per R. M. Hall, - - -	6 00
	Do. Sexton All Saints Church, at session of Convention, - -	10 00	June 27	By Trinity church Upper Malb'ro,	6 00
9	Do. R. M. Hall, sec'y, 1 year's salary, 1835,	50 00			
	Do. Incidental expenses, 1836, - - -	14 16			
July 26	Do. Lucas & Deaver, 750 copies of Journal of the Convention, 1836, - - -	81 00			
	Do. Balance, - - -	12 87			\$239 00
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		\$239 00	1837.		
			May 31	By balance, -	\$ 12 87

R. H. OWEN, *Treas.*

Dr. *Fund for the support of the Episcopate, in acc't with R. H. Owen, Treas. Cr.*

1837.			1836.		
May 31,	To cash paid Bishop		June 29	By Trinity Church,	
	Stone, . . .	\$102 20	1837.	Upper Marl'ro,	\$ 10 00
			May 22,	Union Bank of Md.	
				dividend, July, 1836	16 75
				By ditto January last,	16 37
				By ditto April 1, 1837,	28 88
				By Savings Bank Balt	
				dividend, Oct. 1836,	29 20
		\$102 20			\$102 20

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The Treasurer of the convention respectfully further reports, that the permanent fund for the support of the Episcopate, remains as stated at the last convention, (he having paid over to the Bishop the interest accruing thereon, the past year,) viz.

Seven full shares in the Union Bank of Maryland,	\$525 00
This sum on deposit in Savings Bank of Baltimore,	1434 00

Total amount,	\$ 1959 00
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R. H. OWEN, *Treas.*

Baltimore, May 31, 1837.

The foregoing report was accepted.

Adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, June 2d.

The convention met at 9 o'clock, A. M. A congregation assembled at the same time. The morning prayer was read by the Rev. James D. Nicholson, assisted by the Rev. William Pinkney.

Ordination of Ministers.

The Rev. Alexander M. Marbury, a *deacon*, was ordained *priest*. Mr. Benjamin M. Miller, Mr. E. M. Vandusen, Mr. R. H. Waters, and Mr. Warner Hoyt, were ordained deacons, by the Right Rev. Bishop Stone; the charge was delivered by the Rev. George McElhiney, who with other clergymen present, united in the imposition of hands. The Lord's supper was at the same time administered.

The committee on parochial contributions beg leave to report, that they have received the following sums from the following sources.

NAMES OF PARISHES, &c.	Bishop's Fund.	Convention Fund.
St. Paul's Church, Baltimore,	\$ 100 00	\$ 6 00
St. Peter's do do	80 00	6 00
Christ's do do	60 00	6 00
St. Andrew's do do	30 00	10 00
Trinity Parish, Washington City, D. C. for 1836, and 1837,	60 00	12 00
St. John's Church, do	30 00	6 00
Christ's Church, do <small>Balance due the Convention fund for 1836. Contributions for 1837,</small>	10 00	24 00
Christ's Church, Georgetown, D. C.	80 00	6 00
All Saints' Parish, Frederick,	30 00	6 00
St. Ann's do Annapolis,	30 00	6 00
Queen Ann's do Prince George's county,	30 00	6 00
St. John's Church, Hagerstown,	20 00	6 00
St. Paul's Parish, Queen Ann's county,	20 00	6 00
St. Margaret's, Westminster Parish, Anne Arundel co.	20 00	6 00
St. James' Parish, Anne Arundel county,	20 00	6 00
Great Choptank Parish, Dorchester co. <small>{ for 1836, and 1837,</small>	20 00	12 00
Chester Parish, Chestertown,	20 00	6 00
All Hallows' Parish, Anne Arundel county,	10 00	6 00
Trinity Parish, Charles county,	10 00	6 00
St. Bartholomew's Parish, Montgomery county,	10 00	
All Faith Parish, St. Mary's co. <small>{ For Convention fund 1836, Bishop's fund, 1837,</small>	10 00	6 00
Trinity Church, Upper Marlborough,	10 00	6 00
St. Mark's Parish, Frederick county,	10 00	6 00
King and Queen Parish, St. Mary's county,	10 00	
St. Matthew's Church, Prince George's county,	10 00	6 00
Prince George's Parish, Montgomery county,	10 00	6 00
Spring Hill Parish, Somerset <small>{ Convention fund, 1836, county, do do 1837,</small>		12 00
St. James' Parish, Baltimore county,	10 00	6 00
St. John's Parish, Baltimore and Harford counties, <small>}</small>	10 00	6 00
Christ's Church, Harford county,		
St. Andrew's Parish, St. Mary's county,	10 00	6 00
William and Mary Parish, St. Mary's county,	15 00	6 00
Coventry Parish, Somerset county,	6 67	
All Hallow's Parish, Worcester county, for 1836 and 1837,	20 00	12 00
Christ's Church, Queen Caroline Parish, Anne Arundel county,	10 00	6 00
St. Peter's Parish, Montgomery county,	10 00	6 00
Zion Church, Prince George's county,	10 00	6 00
Somerset Parish, Somerset county,	10 00	12 00
Durham Parish, Charles' county,	10 00	6 00
Christ's Church, St. John's Parish, Prince George's and Charles county, for 1836 and 1837,	20 00	
All Saints' Parish, Calvert county,	15 00	6 00
Trinity Church, Elkton,	10 00	6 00
Zion Parish, Frederick county,	10 00	6 00
St. Stephen's Parish, Cecil county,	15 00	6 00
Rock Creek Church, District of Columbia,	10 00	
Port Tobacco Parish, Charles county,	10 00	6 00
St. Michael's Parish, Talbot county,	50 00	18 00

The committee beg leave further to report, a continued delinquency upon the part of a number of the parishes, not only as regards the convention, but also the bishop's fund:—so much so, as to have materially fallen short of the whole amount levied upon the different parishes, notwithstanding the repeated and earnest solicitations of the convention, and the various resolutions passed from time to time, with the view of counteracting it.

The committee have had under consideration, the resolution submitted to them by the Convention on yesterday in reference to the act passed at the last session upon this subject, (see Journal 1836, p. 22,) and do unanimously recommend the repeal of this act; believing that it has, in a great measure at least, failed of attaining its object.

The committee recommend that the quota to be paid by St. Andrew's church in this city, be, for the present, fixed at \$30, for the Bishop's fund, and \$6, for the convention fund: and that Christ's church and St. Peter's in Baltimore, be hereafter placed upon an equal footing, to wit: \$80, for the Bishop's fund, and \$6, for the Convention fund. All which is respectfully submitted.

L. I. GILLISS,
WM. W. JOHNSTONE, } *Committee.*
WM. KREBS,

The above report as it stands here amended was adopted.

On motion *Resolved*, That the secretary open an account with each parish in the diocese, in a book to be provided for that purpose, and that he be required to send annually, the account to the Register or lay delegate of each delinquent parish and separate congregation, shewing the arrearages due, and urging the vestries to pay such arrearages to the treasurer of the Convention.

Resolution in reference to decayed Parishes.

On motion *Resolved*, That in accordance with the recommendation contained in the report of the Right Rev. Bishop of this diocese, a committee of five persons be appointed to devise a mode, or means of inquiring into the condition of such parishes as now are, or at any future time may appear to be, in a state of decay; requiring the interposition of the ecclesiastical authority of the diocese. Committee appointed to carry the above resolution into effect,

Right Rev. BISHOP STONE,
 Rev. DR. WYATT,
 " DR. JOHNS,
 " DR. HENSHAW,
 SAMUEL I. DONALDSON, Esq.

Resolution to graduate the contribution to the Convention fund.

On motion *Resolved*, That a committee of two laymen and one clergyman be appointed to graduate the contributions to the Convention fund, upon the principle adopted in graduating the contributions to the Bishop's fund, and that they be instructed to ascertain the debt due by the Convention, and to devise ways and means for the payment of said debt; and that they be required to report on this subject to the next convention. Committee appointed on this resolution,

Rev. GEORGE McELHINEY,
 THOMAS S. ALEXANDER, Esq. and
 ALEXANDER MAGRUDER, Esq.

Report of the Committee on the state of the Church.

The committee on the state of the Church, beg leave to report, that they have nothing to add on this subject to the full and satisfactory exhibition of it contained in the Bishop's address.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

St. Paul's Parish, Baltimore.

Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	-	-	43
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	39
Communicants,	-	-	-	-	-	-	339
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	17

W. E. WYATT.

St. Peter's Church, Baltimore.

Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	-	-	33
Communicants,	-	-	-	-	-	-	395
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	22
Sunday Schools about the same as last reported.							

As twenty years have now elapsed since the present rector entered upon the charge of this congregation, it may be interesting to include in this report the leading statistics of the church for that period.

Various alterations and improvements have been made in our place of worship;—a spacious and beautiful building has been erected for the accommodation of our Sunday schools and the weekly lectures; a third

story has been added to the parsonage, &c. &c. The expense of these various improvements, amounting in the aggregate to about fifteen thousand dollars, has been met by the voluntary contributions of the pew-holders, with a promptness and liberality which have always distinguished them in every effort made for the good of the church.

During the twenty years, 753 have been by baptism engrafted into the body of Christ's church; of which 40 were adults, and 713 infants or children.

The holy rite of confirmation has been administered to 335.

At the first time of the administration of the communion in this church by the present rector, on May 4th, 1817, the whole number of communicants was 47; since when there have been added 646, making in all 693, being within a fraction of fifteen times the original number. Of these there have died, removed from the city, joined other churches, withdrawn, or been suspended, 298; leaving upon the register, as the present number of communicants, 395.

During the same period of time I have united in the bands of holy matrimony 296 couples; and have performed the last sad office of our religion, by committing to their silent mansions in the dust the lifeless remains of 473.

In the Free school, founded by individual benevolence and aided to some extent by public bounty, upwards of 6000 children, of both sexes and of all denominations, have been gratuitously instructed within the twenty years, and upwards of 11,000 since its first establishment in the year 1806.

So far as we have been able to ascertain, the entire number of pupils which have been connected with our different *Sunday Schools*, is upwards of 10,000. The number of teachers has been about 400; and of this number about 75 were formerly pupils in the respective schools. The number of those formerly connected with the male Sunday schools either as teachers or scholars, who are now in the Gospel ministry or preparing for it, so far as ascertained, is fourteen, (14) The number of teachers and scholars who have become communicants in St. Peter's church is 152. The number of those of them who have made a profession of religion in other churches, we have not the means of ascertaining; but it is known to be considerable. And doubtless in the great day of eternity we shall meet with hundreds, among the children of light and glory, who received their first serious impressions of religion in these nurseries of faith and piety.

On the whole, while there is much in the review of the history of this church for twenty years, to produce humiliation and repentance that no more has been done for God's glory and the salvation of souls—Yet, blessed be his name! there is much also, that calls for devout expressions of gratitude for his effectual blessing upon the weak and unworthy efforts that have been employed in his service.

J. P. K. HENSHAW, *Rector.*

Christ's Church, Baltimore.

The rector of Christ church, Baltimore, reports, that since the last Convention the congregation has removed from their old church to the new edifice erected at the corner of Gay and Fayette streets, which was

consecrated to the service of Almighty God by the Right Rev. Bishop Stone on the 3d of June last.

He has the satisfaction to state, that although the building which they now occupy is twice the capacity of the one which they have left, it is not larger than is required. And although the expenses incurred in the purchase of the lot, and the completion and furniture of the building, have been heavy, yet the sales of the pews together with the proceeds of the old church when disposed of, promise to relieve them from all embarrassment.

The change of location and the organization of a new congregation, worshipping for the present in the building which we have left, has detached from us a number of communicants during the last year. The gain however has already nearly counterbalanced the loss occasioned by this and ordinary causes.

The present number of communicants is - - 237

Baptisms, during the past year, Infants 32,	}	-	35
Adults 3,			

Marriages, - - - - - 14

Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
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The Bible Classes and Sunday Schools are in a promising condition. The Missionary and Education Society is conducted with laudable zeal and diligence. The system of Sunday offering which has been tried for some time past operates successfully. The contributions to charitable objects during the past year amounts, as nearly as can be ascertained, to 1800 dollars. In justice to the congregation it may be proper to correct a mistake which appears on the last printed Journal. Instead of "Contributions between 14 and 15 dolls." read "fourteen or fifteen hundred."

J. JOHNS.

St. Andrew's Church, Baltimore.

This church was organized on the 2d day of last January, and assembles for worship in the building recently occupied by the congregation of Christ Church, at the intersection of York and Front streets. It is the only addition which has been made to the number of Episcopal churches in Baltimore during the last twenty years. Nearly one hundred families have enrolled themselves as members of this church; and more than this number statedly receive the pastoral services of the rector.

The vestry and wardens are now striving to procure the means of erecting a place of public worship, and have obtained eight thousand dollars for this purpose in subscriptions; but as this sum is not more than half sufficient for their object, and as the members of the congregation, with but few exceptions, are more willing than able to contribute, they are far from being sanguine of success.

Such is the want of a church in the eastern section of our city, that if a house of worship could be provided, a large congregation could soon be collected. Will the older churches of Baltimore permit this enterprise to fail? without their aid speedily rendered it cannot succeed. The rector commits the cause to God and the liberality of a christian people.

Baptisms, (infants,) - - - - - 22

Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
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Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
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Communicants, - - - - -	40
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Sunday School children, - - - - - 75

HENRY V. D. JOHNS, *Rector.*

Baltimore, May 31st, 1837.

St. James' Parish, Baltimore County.

The Rector of St. James' parish, Baltimore county, begs leave to report, that during the period of his connexion with said parish the churches under his charge, with but few exceptions, have been regularly opened for divine service. Hitherto the blessing of God, in a good degree, has attended his labors. Having been but recently admitted to the holy order of the priesthood, he has had the privilege but once of administering the supper of the Lord. At which time there was an accession of nine persons to the communion. Upon the same occasion two individuals presented themselves as candidates for adult baptism and were received.

He has baptized nine children, and four times performed the marriage ceremony; ten funerals also have been attended. As a cheerful evidence of the growing interest of his parishioners for the cause of the church of Christ, he would remark, that recently they have resolved upon the erection of a parsonage in connexion with their church, together with all necessary and convenient out-buildings. The building has already been commenced, and will be completed, by the blessing of God, sometime during the course of the ensuing winter.

In conclusion his prayer is, that in this, and every other matter connected with the glory of his great name, the presence of God may be manifested, and his blessing secured.

ALFRED HOLMEAD, *Rector*
of *St. James' Parish, Baltimore County.*

St. John's Church, Washington city.

The rector of St. John's church, Washington city, reports, that the number of his communicants are about the same as stated in his last report. While a number have been added, some have been summoned away to their great account, some of whom have given strong and decisive evidence of a work of grace in their hearts, having sealed the confession of a good faith in the manifest enjoyment of a good and confident hope, in the hour of their departure, of a blessed and glorious immortality.

Communicants, (white,)	-	-	-	-	107
do (black,)	-	-	-	-	5
Marriages, (white,)	-	-	-	20	} 22
do (black,)	-	-	-	2	
Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	24
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	7

The Sunday school, under the fostering care of a pious and indefatigable superintendent, is in a flourishing condition. The church, at a considerable expense, has been much improved, and is now in a state of complete repair; and, with the blessing of God, the rector cherishes the hope that the members of the congregation will grow in grace, and in the knowledge of their Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

WM. HAWLEY.

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Trinity Parish, Washington, District of Columbia.

Baptisms, infants, white,	-	-	-	-	5
Confirmed, white	-	-	-	-	24
Communicants at the time the present rector took charge of the parish, 116, removed since, by death and otherwise, 9; added 25; present number,	-	-	-	-	132
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	5
Funerals, 9 white, 1 colored,	-	-	-	-	10
Sunday School teachers,	-	-	-	-	20
" " scholars,	-	-	-	-	100

The above statistical statement includes the rector's official acts, from the 1st of November, to the present time. Within that period the following contributions have been made towards some of the institutions connected with the church.

Towards the diocesan mission of Maryland,	\$93	12
" " African mission,	40	00
" " Domestic "	137	18
" liquidating the debt on Trinity church, through the exertions of the ladies of the congregation,	704	60
The ladies beneficent society expends annually for the relief of the destitute, from one to	200	00
Poor's fund,	130	00

The system of weekly offerings, collected monthly, towards the cause of Foreign and Domestic missions, has been recently introduced into the parish. And, supported by the liberality of a few of the parishioners, a young man has just entered on a course of collegiate education, preparatory to his offering himself as a candidate for holy orders.

JOHN OWEN, *Rector.*

June 1st, 1837.

Christ Church, Washington Parish, Washington City.

Baptisms, adults 1, infants 16,	-	-	-	-	17
Confirmed,	-	-	-	-	9
Communicants, about	-	-	-	-	120
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	4
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	18
Sunday School Teachers,	-	-	-	-	24
" " Scholars,	-	-	-	-	204

Small accessions have been made to the parish and sunday school libraries.

Amount of collections to the different institutions and societies connected with the church, about \$900.

The Rector feels it due to himself and the church to state that, although the number of communicants seems to be somewhat diminished, since he has been appointed a watchman in this part of our Zion; there has actually been a considerable increase. The congregation has also increased far beyond what he had any reason to expect. There has been a continuously increasing attendance upon the services of the sanctuary, and the congregation presents a much more encouraging and flourishing appearance than it has done perhaps at any former period. It is hoped that

we shall yet see this almost deserted parish in great prosperity. May the Lord make his unworthy servant more zealous, untiring and faithful; more successful and useful in the church of the living God than he ever has been.

HENRY H. BEAN, *Rector.*

Christ Church, Georgetown, D. C.

The Rector desires with a grateful heart to record, that during the past year, the congregation committed to his charge, has experienced some gracious tokens of the divine favor.

Communicants,	170
Added,	18
Confirmed,	16
Died,	5
Baptisms, adult,	1
white infants,	20
colored do	4
Funerals,	15
Marriages,	7
Sunday scholars,	140
" teachers,	16
Members of bible class,	60
Contributions,	\$ 400

PHILIP SLAUGHTER.

June 1st, 1837.

St. John's Church, Hagerstown.

Baptisms, white, adult,	1
" black, "	4
Communicants on the list,	88
" added,	4
Marriage,	1
Sunday school scholars,	49
" teachers,	13

JOHN WILEY, *Rector.*

All Saint's Parish, Frederick County.

Baptisms, 1 Infant,	1
Communicants, white 91, colored 26,	117
Marriages, " 1, " 1,	2
Funerals,	1
Sunday schools 1, Scholars,	121
" " Teachers,	21
Parochial week day school, scholars,	56
Contributions.	

For Foreign Missions,	\$106 00	} \$206 00
" Domestic " "	100 00	

H. S. KEPPLER, *Rector.*

St. Mark's Parish, Frederick County.

Baptisms, adults,	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
infants,	-	-	-	-	-	-	40
							<u>48</u>
Marriages, white,	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
colored,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
							<u>5</u>
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	14
Communicants, deceased,	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
removed,	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
suspended,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
added,	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Present number,	-	-	-	-	-	-	<u>89</u>
Contributions to objects of christian benevolence							\$160 00
Pastoral visits 278.							

RICHARD H. PHILIPS,
Rector of St. Marks.

Zion Parish, Frederick County.

Baptisms, adults,	-	-	-	-	-	1
children,	-	-	-	-	-	20
						<u>21</u>
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	4
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	0
Communicants,	-	-	-	-	-	36

The rector is constrained to adopt the language of the prophet and say, "who hath believed our report, and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed;" his prayer to the great head of the church is, that the word preached may not return void, but be like bread, cast upon the waters, found after many days.

JOSEPH TRAPNELL, *Rector.*

St. Peter's Parish, Montgomery County.

Baptisms, white, 1 adult, 33 children,	-	-	-	-	-	84
colored 56 "	-	-	-	-	-	56
						<u>90</u>
Marriages, white,	-	-	-	-	-	2
colored,	-	-	-	-	-	6
						<u>8</u>
Communicants,	-	-	-	-	-	48
Removed,	-	-	-	-	-	5
Died,	-	-	-	-	-	1
Added,	-	-	-	-	-	2

The congregation in this parish are regular in their attendance on the means of grace, though many of them have a great distance to come; and I am encouraged to hope that my labors have not been in vain in the Lord. Many are now enquiring the way to Zion, with their faces thith-

erward, and I trust they will soon present themselves a living sacrifice, holy—acceptable to God, which is their reasonable service.

JOSEPH TRAPNELL, *Rector.*

St. Anne's Parish, Annapolis.

Baptisms, white,	-	-	-	-	-	-	14
colored,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
							—16
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Funerals, adults,	-	-	-	-	-	-	13
infant,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
							—14
Communicants, died,	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
added,	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
present number,	-	-	-	-	-	-	94
Sunday scholars, male,	-	-	-	-	-	-	35
female,	-	-	-	-	-	-	35
							—70
Sunday school teachers, male,	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
female,	-	-	-	-	-	-	7

GEORGE McELHINEY, *Rector.*

Queen Caroline Parish.

The rector of St. John's and Christ churches, Queen Caroline parish, respectfully reports,

Baptisms, 2 white, 3 colored,	5
Marriages, 1 “	1
Funerals, 7 “ 1 “	8

There have been several additions to the number of communicants. Some have been removed by death, others have changed their places of residence. The present number is reported at 30.

It is stated with great pleasure that more than one hundred dollars have been contributed by this parish, during the past year, to assist in spreading the gospel of Christ upon our own and foreign shores.

HUGH T. HARRISON.

Oakland Mills, Anne Arundel County, June 1st, 1837.

Saint Margarets, Westminster Parish, Anne Arundel County.

Communicants, removed,	2
present number,	13
Baptisms,	11
Marriage, colored,	1
Collected for missionary purposes	\$14 50.

HENRY AISQUITH, *Rector.*

P. O. Annapolis.

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All Hallows Parish, Anne Arundel County, Maryland.

Baptisms, infants, white,	-	-	-	-	15
" colored,	-	-	-	-	8—23
Communicants, last reported,	.	.	.	.	27
added,	.	.	.	.	2
					—29
died,	.	.	.	.	1
present number,	.	.	.	.	26
Funerals,	.	.	.	.	8
Amount of a collection taken up for diocesan Missionary Society, \$7 72.					

ROBT. W. GOLDSBOROUGH, near Annapolis.

St. James' church, West River, Anne Arundel County.

Baptisms, adults, white,	-	-	-	-	1
infants, white,	-	-	-	-	12
colored,	-	-	-	-	5
					—18
Communicants, last reported,	-	-	-	-	60
added,	-	-	-	-	6
					—86
removed by death and otherwise,	-	-	-	-	14
					—72
Marriages, white, 6, colored, 8,	-	-	-	-	9
Funerals,	.	.	.	.	11
Contributions to the institutions of the church, \$150 14.					

WILLIAM F. CHESLEY, Rector.

Post Office, West River, Maryland.

St. John's Parish, Baltimore and Harford counties.

Marriages,	.	.	.	.	.	6
Baptism,	.	.	.	.	.	1
Communicants,	.	.	.	.	.	68
Funerals,	.	.	.	.	.	5

The number of communicants in the parish is not so large as it has been, in consequence of some deaths, withdrawals, and removals; five new ones have been added, and the condition of the parish is as favorable as usual. About sixty dollars during the last year have been contributed to the missionary cause, and the usual interest is taken in the affairs of the church.

JOHN R. KEECH.

Zion Church, Prince George's County, Md.

Baptisms,	23
Confirmed,	3
Communicants, last reported 38, added 4, died 1, re- moved 8, dropped for non-attendance 1, }	32
Marriage,	1
Funerals,	2

St. Matthew's Church, Prince George's county, Md.

Baptisms,	31
Confirmed,	1
Communicants last reported, 57, added 2, withdrawn 1, } removed 8,	50
Marriages,	3
Funerals,	3

The missionary collections from the two parishes under my charge, during the past year, amounted to \$160 00, which was nearly equally divided between the foreign missionary society and the domestic missionary society of this diocese. In addition to this, \$200.00 were raised for the improvement of the parsonage.

WILLIAM PINKNEY, *Rector.*

Bladensburg, P. G. Co.

Queen Ann Parish, Prince George's county.

It is with great pleasure, the rector announces to the convention, that since his last report on the condition of his parish, he has laid the corner stone of a new christian edifice, which occupies a part of the site of the original chapel, whose foundations were laid one century and a half ago, one of the oldest and most venerable places of worship in the diocese of Maryland. In digging the new foundation, a vault was entered into containing a marble stone, sacred to the memory of Mary, relict of the Rev. Jacob Henderson, who was the first rector of the parish; her remains were deposited there in the year 1704. This stone has very properly been placed on the outside of the new chapel, to perpetuate the name of the generous individual, who, out of her own funds, erected the original building, and presented it to the parishioners at that time in existence.

The new chapel now being erected is 40 by 55, and will be ready, it is expected, for consecration sometime during the summer. The pews were recently sold under favorable circumstances, producing a sum adequate to the cost of the building. The rector also reports, that his brick church is undergoing a thorough repair, the interior having been taken out, and new pews of modern comfort, with other alterations, are now preparing. These are some of the improvements in the temporal condition of the parish, and constitute the only change, worthy of communicating, since the meeting of the last convention. Though no recent additions have been made to the communion, yet it is very evident that on the minds of some, the *force of truth* has been deeply felt. The rector has found the practice of preaching from house to house in the week days, productive of much good. It has the happy effect of creating

not only confidence and affection between a pastor and his flock, but chiefly in imposing more effectually and permanently, the regular ministrations of the Lord's day, on the minds of the people

The following duties have been performed during the past year.

Baptisms, white, 29, colored, 70,	99
Communicants last reported,	84
Died,	4
Removed,	4
Present number,	76
Marriages, white, 4, colored, 8,	12
Funerals, white, -	14
Children's library, 60 vols.	

The following are the subscriptions which have been effected during the past year in behalf of the institutions of the church.—

\$1000 towards the Theological Seminary of Virginia, and \$22.75 for missions.

GEO. L. MACKENHEIMER, *Rector.*

Done at the Parsonage, May 30, 1837.

Good-Luck Post Office.

Trinity Church, Upper Marl'ro, Prince George's County, Md.

I took charge of this parish the first Sunday in September last. The number of communicants is the same as last reported by my predecessor, Rev. John Swann—white, 83, colored, 27—baptisms, 24, marriages, 11, funerals, 9. Organized a sewing society among the ladies of the parish, for the benefit of the African mission, and also a general foreign missionary society in the congregation.

ALEX. M. MARBURY, *Rector.*

All Saint's Church, Calvert County.

During the short period which the present rector has had charge of this church, nothing of special interest, in its spiritual condition has occurred.

There have been added to the communion	-	-	3
Present number of communicants, about	-	-	35
Baptisms, white,	-	-	3
colored,	-	-	3
			— 6
Marriages,	-	-	3
Burials,	-	-	2

There is a day school consisting of thirty-three scholars, under the direction of the rector, in which instruction in the Church Catechism is regularly given.

Contributions to missionary and other benevolent objects, \$30 00.

Occasional services have been extended to the two adjoining parishes, which are now vacant,—St. Paul's, Prince George's county, and Christ

Church, Calvert county,—in which three children have been baptized, and one funeral attended.

HENRY WILLIAMS, *Rector.*

Lower Marlborough, May 30th.

Christ Church, St John's Parish, Prince George's and Charles Counties.

This parish has erected free pews in the parish church, and the chapel lately erected is also improved by a gallery, but is yet in an unfinished state.

It is hoped that its spiritual condition is also better, although iniquity yet abounds. Some progress is making in the Sunday school cause, and in the instruction of the colored population. A temperance society upon the principle of abstinence from all intoxicating liquors is also progressing.

Communicants, white	28,	colored	9,	.	.	37
added	"	9,	"	4,	.	.
Baptisms, white	.	.	.	.	.	92
colored,	.	.	.	.	.	87
						—119
Marriages, white,	.	.	.	.	.	8
colored,	.	.	.	.	.	9
						— 17

S. WILMER, *Rector.*

Durham Parish, Charles County.

It is a subject of the deepest concern to the rector that he has nothing particularly encouraging to report. Nothing of a very especial character has marked his labors during the past year. The numbers added to the communion have been fewer than during the preceding year. The churches, he is however grateful to state, are well attended.

Amount paid to the Rev. Mr. Payne, our missionary to Africa, fifty-five dollars.

Communicants, died	4,	removed	1,	added	1,	present	
number,	.	.	.	.	.	.	81
Marriages,	.	.	.	.	.	.	15
Deaths,	.	.	.	.	.	.	16
Baptisms, white,	.	.	.	.	.	.	17
" coloured,	.	.	.	.	.	.	35

ROBERT PROUT, *Rector.*

Trinity Parish, Charles County, Maryland.

Baptisms,	white,	10,
	colored,	26
		—36
Marriages,	white,	11
	colored,	2
		—13
Burials,	white	12
	colored,	6
		—18
Communicants, number not ascertained. It is		
	believed there are,	60
Sunday Schools'		2
Scholars,	church, about	16
	chapel,	15
		—30
Teachers,	church,	6
"	chapel,	7
		—13

The undersigned became the minister in Trinity Parish on the 25th day of September, 1836, and his predecessor's resignation is dated August 19, 1834, of course the parish was vacant during two years. It is hoped the injury inseparable from a want of regular clerical services through so long a period, may be repaired, and that spiritual health will become the attribute of a majority at least of the parishioners.

Through the exertions of an efficient vestry, the parish church has been rebuilt, and the debt thus incurred, liquidated by the congregation. A neat and comfortable house fills now the site where stood one of another character. An addition greatly conducive to comfort, has likewise been made to the chapel. A temperance society, founded upon evangelical principles, has been organized in both the congregations, and an association composed of females, which proposes to aid in the spreading of christianity, will soon be formed. The parish Sunday schools, as yet, not in a prosperous condition. It is proposed, if possible, to increase the number.

JAMES D. NICHOLSON.

No material change has taken place since my last report. The number of communicants, &c. are about the same.

LEM'L WILMER, *Rector*
of *Port Tobacco Parish.*

St. Michael's Parish, Talbot County.

Baptisms, white,	-	-	-	-	-	2
colored,	-	-	-	-	-	8—10
Marriage,	-	-	-	-	-	1
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	6
Communicants,	-	-	-	-	-	30

JOSEPH SPENCER, *Rector.*

Chester Parish, Chestertown.

The following statistics exhibit the amount of parochial services performed by the undersigned since the last report.

Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Burials,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
Bible class consists of 11 female members.									
Sunday school teachers,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
do do scholars,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	66

Number of communicants 56, of whom 9 have been added during the past year.

The amount of contributions paid by us to religious and charitable objects, within fourteen months, has been nine hundred and sixty-seven dollars. (\$967 00.) This sum includes \$650 00 paid to missions foreign and domestic.

By the Divine blessing, the parish has continued to enjoy a cheering degree of prosperity. The services of the sanctuary have been well attended by a people, distinguished for exemplary deportment, for animating responses and strict attention. Though small in numbers, they are actuated by a spirit of piety, and take a lively interest in all that relates to religion, but especially, in the promotion of the Saviour's interests and kingdom in the world. The plan of systematic charity, when first suggested in the public prints was immediately adopted by us. The weekly offerings have continued to the present moment steadily to increase in amount, thereby evincing the feasibility of the plan when suitably sustained. We have also a juvenile society formed two years since, which, under the auspices of some estimable ladies of our parish has enjoyed unusual prosperity. The plan of the children is, to deny themselves articles of food or luxuries, the value of which is presented to them by their parents. Thus one child dispenses with sugar, another with butter, another with both. The sums so collected are deposited in the treasury at their weekly meeting, where the girls prepare work for sale, while they listen to missionary information read by one of their members. In this enterprise the children have manifested a deep interest. A child four years old, for example, cannot be persuaded to partake of a lump of sugar, lest she should thereby be deprived of the superior pleasure of giving to missions.

I ought not to omit noticing a circumstance, in which we have been "highly favored of the Lord." One of our small number has been called to go forth as the wife of a missionary, (she herself being an appointed missionary,) to assist in spreading the knowledge of the Lord among the benighted Ethiopians. The christian public could scarcely have found a lady better qualified than Mrs. Payne, by endowments of heart and mind, to undertake so responsible an office. May the Lord of the harvest who hath raised up, qualified and sent forth this new laborer, accompany her efforts "with the Holy Ghost and with power."

CLEMENT F. JONES, *Rector.*

Somerset and Coventry Parishes.

Baptisms, white children,	- - - - -	15
" black, "	- - - - -	7—22
Marriages, white,	- - - - -	6
" black, -	- - - - -	1—7
Deaths, -	- - - - -	20
Communicants—as near as I can ascertain—there being no record that I can find of the names,		86
Confirmed, -	- - - - -	14
Communicants added, -	- - - - -	7

We have a small Sunday school, and some books, to which the rector has just been authorised to add 60 volumes, chiefly from the Protestant Episcopal press. Some increased attention has been manifested by many of the congregation, (particularly those worshipping at Monie Dividing Creek,) to the great concerns of religion. The rector is led to hope, that in addition to those whom he has reported as added, there are several who soon will declare themselves on the Lord's side. On the whole, the spiritual welfare of this portion of our beloved and apostolic church, appears to be on the increase.

M. R. TALBOT, *Rector.*

All Hallows and Berlin Parishes, Worcester county.

Baptisms, -	- - - - -	11
Communicants, about, -	- - - - -	60
Marriages, -	- - - - -	2
Funerals, -	- - - - -	3

JOHN P. ROBINS, *Assistant Rector.*

King and Queen Parish, St. Mary's County, Md.

Communicants, white, -	- - - - -	39
colored -	- - - - -	17—56
Baptisms, white, -	- - - - -	12
colored, -	- - - - -	14—26
Funerals, white, -	- - - - -	10
colored, -	- - - - -	12—22
Marriages, white, -	- - - - -	1
colored, -	- - - - -	2—3

T. BILLOPP.

Choptico, St. Mary's County, Md.

William and Mary Parish, Charles County.

Baptisms,		32
Burials, -		16
Marriages, -		6
Communicants, added, -		1
present number, -		49

A Sunday school has been recently established to supply the place of one which was organized several years ago, but which had ceased to exist previous to the election of the present incumbent.

A Sunday afternoon service in the church, designed exclusively for the colored population, was commenced last autumn. It was suspended during the winter, but has been resumed this spring.

The sum of \$88 50 has been contributed for the support of the Protestant Episcopal mission on the coast of Africa.

The sum of \$61 12½ has been contributed for supplying the destitute of our parish with bibles, prayer books, tracts, &c.

JAMES A. MCKENNEY, *Rector.*

William and Mary Parish, St. Mary's County.

Baptisms, white,	-	-	-	-	-	-	14
colored,	-	-	-	-	-	-	17
Communicants, last reported,	-	-	-	-	-	-	99
added,	-	-	-	-	-	-	7—106
Died, & withdrawn, 1,	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
Present number,	-	-	-	-	-	-	99
Marriages, white,	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
colored,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2— 7
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	19

R. H. B. MITCHELL.

St. Andrew's Parish, St. Mary's county.

Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	-	-	28
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	15
Communicants, last reported,	-	-	-	-	-	-	56
Added,	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Died,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Present number,	-	-	-	-	-	-	58

The spiritual state of the parish is nearly the same as last reported, but certainly not better or more advanced; and perhaps rather colder and less vigilant than heretofore.

Through the exertions and dutiful attention of the vestry, its temporal concerns are in a very satisfactory and prosperous state.

JOHN CLAXTON, *Rector.*

All Faith Parish, St. Mary's County.

Baptisms, adults, 4, infants, 60,	-	-	-	-	-	-	64
Communicants last reported,	-	-	-	-	-	-	17
Added,	-	-	-	-	-	-	29
Present number,	-	-	-	-	-	-	46
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	18

There has been a more serious attention than usual, during the last year to the preaching of the gospel, and the ordinary means of grace;

and many it is sincerely hoped are more earnestly alive to the great object of their being (the salvation of their souls) at present, than they have ever been before.

Was it not for the great neglect of the temporal affairs of the parish, it might be said to be in a prosperous state, but as things are, the ministry is feebly sustained, and the church edifice in a very exposed and neglected condition.

I baptized 8 persons and attended 5 funerals in Trinity parish, Charles county, which is at present supplied with an acceptable ministry, and needs not my further attentions.

JOHN CLAXTON, *Rector.*

The following resolutions were submitted, and passed.

Resolved, That the sum of fifty dollars be paid to the Secretary for his services, during the present session of the convention.

Resolved, That the sum of ten dollars be paid to the Sexton of St. Paul's church, for services on the present occasion.

No further business being brought forward, the session was closed with prayer, and the benediction of the Bishop, and the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

WILLIAM M. STONE, D. D., *President.*

R. M. HALL, *Secretary.*



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Parishes & Churches.	Where situated.	Ministers.	Baptisms.		Confirmed.	Communicants.			Marriages.	Funerals.	S. Schools.		Attending Bible Class.	Week day Schools, Scholam.		Collections for benevolent purposes.
			Adults.	Infants.		Died and removed.	Added.	Present number.			Teachers.	Scholars.				
St. Paul's Parish,	Baltimore,	W. E. Wyatt, D.D.		43				839	17	39	58	430				\$1,900 00
St. Peter's Church, Christ	do	J. P. K. Henshaw, D. D.		83				395	12	23						
St. Andrew's do	do	John Johns, D. D.	3	32				237	14	18						
St. James do	do	Henry V. D. Johns,		22				40	4	10		75				60 00
St. Thomas do	Baltimore county,	Alfred Holmead,	2	9				9	4	10						
Sherwood Chapel,	do	* Charles C. Austin,														
St. John's Parish,	do	* Vacant,														300 00
St. George's & St. John's Parishes,	Balt. & Harford counties,	John R. Keech,		1			5	68	5	5						
St. John's Church,	Harford county,	* R. L. Goldsborough,		24				112	22	7						
Christ	Washington City, D. C.	William Hawley,	1	16	9			120	4	13	24	204				1,254 90
Trinity,	do	Henry H. Bean,		5	24			132	5	10	20	100	60			
Christ	do	John Owen,	1	24	16	5	18	170	7	15	16	140				
Rock Creek Parish,	Georgetown, do	Philip Slaughter,														14 50
St. Ann's do	District of Columbia,	* Benjamin M. Miller,		16		5	8	94	5	14	13	70				
St. Margaret's church	Annapolis,	George M'Elhiney,		11		2		13	1							
St. James' Parish,	Ann Arundel county,	Henry Aisquith,	1	17		14	6	72	9	11						150 14
All Hallows' do	do	William F. Chesley,		23		1	2	28		8						
St. John's & Christ Churches, Queen Caroline Parishes	do	R. W. Goldsborough,		5				30	1	5						
St. Ann's do	do	Hugh T. Harrison,		99												1,022 75
St. Matthew's and St. Mat- thew's Churches,	Prince Georges' do	Geor. L. Mackenheimer,		54	4	3	6	76	12	14						
Paul's Parish,	do	William Pinkney,				19		62	4	5						
Nottingham,	do	* Vacant,														160 00
Rock Creek Church	do	* do														
City Church,	do	Alex. M. Marbury,		24				110	11	9						
Upper Marlboro' Church, St. John's Parish,	Prince Georges' & Charles counties,	Simon Wilmer,		110			13	37	17	17						

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Those marked (*) have made no report.

LIST OF THE CLERGY
OF THE
DIOCESE OF MARYLAND,

June 2, 1837.

The Clergymen to whose names an asterisk (*) is prefixed, did not attend the meetings of the Convention.

- Right Rev. William Murray Stone, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, residing in Salisbury, Somerset county.
- *Rev. Walter D. Addison.
- Rev. Henry Aisquith, Rector of St. Margaret's church, Westminster parish, near Annapolis, Ann Arundel county.
- Rev. Charles C. Austin, Rector of St. Thomas' parish, Baltimore county.
- *Rev. John Alberger.
- *Rev. Thomas Bayne, residing at Easton, Talbot county.
- *Rev. Henry H. Bean, Rector of Christ church, Washington city.
- Rev. Thomas Billopp, Rector of King and Queen parish, residing at Chaptico, St. Mary's county.
- Rev. William F. Chesley, Rector of St. James' parish, West River, Ann Arundel county.
- Rev. John Claxton, Rector of St. Andrews and All Faith parishes, St. Mary's county.
- Rev. Henry Crosdale, Assistant Minister of St. Paul's church, Baltimore.
- *Rev. John Delaplane, Rector of St. Thomas' church, Hancock, Washington county.
- *Rev. William Duke, residing at Elkton, Cecil county.
- *Rev. John Forman, residing in Poplar town, Worcester county.
- Rev. Levin I. Gilliss, Rector of Prince George's and St. Bartholomew's parishes, Montgomery county.
- Rev. Robert W. Goldsborough, Rector of All Hallows' parish, Ann Arundel county.
- *Rev. Robert Lloyd Goldsborough, Rector of St. George's and St. John's parishes, Havre de Grace, Harford county.
- *Rev. Henry B. Goodwin, Charles county.
- Rev. J. P. K. Henshaw, D. D., Rector of St. Peter's church, Baltimore.
- Rev. William Hawley, Rector of St. John's church, Washington city.

- *Rev. F. R. Hanson, Missionary to China.
- *Rev. Matthias Harris, Rector of Emanuel parish, Cumberland, Alleghany county.
- Rev. Hugh T. Harrison, Rector of St. John's and Christ churches, Queen Caroline parish, Oakland Mills, Ann Arundel county.
- Rev. Alfred Holmead, Rector of St. James' parish, Baltimore county.
- Rev. Hector Humphreys, D. D., Principal of St. John's College, Annapolis.
- *Rev. Daniel Higbee, Missionary in Dorchester and Caroline counties.
- Rev. Warner Hoyt.
- Rev. John Johns, D. D., Rector of Christ church, Baltimore.
- Rev. Henry V. D. Johns, Rector of St. Andrew's church, Baltimore.
- *Rev. Leonard H. Johns.
- Rev. Clement F. Jones, Rector of Chester parish, Chestertown, Kent county.
- *Rev. Norris M. Jones, residing in St. Mary's county.
- Rev. Jonathan Judd, Rector of Great Choptank parish, Dorchester county.
- Rev. John R. Keech, Rector of St. John's parish, Baltimore and Harford counties, residing at Belle Air, Harford county.
- Rev. Henry S. Keppler, Rector of All Saints' church, Frederick.
- Rev. George M'Elhiney, Rector of St. Ann's parish, Annapolis.
- Rev. George L. Mackenheimer, Rector of Queen Ann parish, Prince George's county.
- *Rev. John H. Marsden.
- *Rev. James A. M'Kenney, Rector of William and Mary parish, Charles county.
- Rev. Alexander M. Marbury, Rector of Trinity church, Upper Marlborough, Prince George's county.
- Rev. Benjamin M. Miller, Rock Creek church, District of Columbia.
- *Rev. Andrew T. M'Cormick, residing in Washington city.
- *Rev. R. Mitchell, Rector of William and Mary parish, St. Mary's county.
- Rev. James D. Nicholson, Rector of Trinity parish, Charles county.
- Rev. John Owen, Rector of Trinity church, Washington city.
- Rev. William Pinkney, Rector of Zion and St. Matthew's churches, Bladensburg, Prince George's county.
- Rev. Robert Prout, Rector of Durham parish, Charles county.
- Rev. Richard H. Phillips, Rector of St. Mark's parish, Frederick county.
- *Rev. Robert Piggot, Rector of St. Stephen's parish, Cecil county.
- *Rev. Thomas Reid.
- *Rev. J. J. Robertson, D. D., Missionary to Greece.

- *Rev. John P. Robins, assistant minister of All Hallows' parish, Worcester county.
- *Rev. John P. Robinson, Rector of St. Paul's parish, Queen Ann's county.
- *Rev. Purnell F. Smith, residing at Georgetown, Kent county.
- Rev. Joseph Spencer, D. D., Rector of St. Michael's parish, Talbot county.
- Rev. Philip Slaughter, Rector of Christ church, Georgetown, D.C.
- *Rev. M. R. Talbot, Rector of Somerset and Coventry parishes, Somerset county.
- Rev. Joseph Trapnell, Rector of St. Peter's parish, Montgomery county, and Zion parish, Frederick county.
- *Rev. Fitch W. Taylor.
- Rev. E. M. Vandusen.
- Rev. John Wiley, Rector of St. John's Church, Hagerstown.
- Rev. William E. Wyatt, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's church, Baltimore.
- *Rev. Ralph Williston.
- Rev. Lemuel Wilmer, Rector of Port Tobacco parish, Charles county.
- Rev. Simon Wilmer, Rector of Christ church, Prince George's and Charles counties.
- Rev. Henry Williams, Rector of All Saints' parish, Calvert county.
- Rev. R. H. Waters.

LIST OF THE LAY DELEGATES,

*Who attended the Convention, and of the Parishes and Churches
which they represented.*

Mr. Horatio C. Scott, Trinity Church, Upper Marlborough.
Mr. William M. Maynadier, Christ's church, Harford county.
Mr. Grafton Tyler, Queen Ann parish, Prince George's county.
Mr. William M'Knew, Zion church, Prince George's county.
Mr. Washington Berry, Rock Creek church, District of Columbia.
Mr. John S. Williams, St. John's church, Queen Caroline parish.
Mr. John Y. Day, St. John's parish, Baltimore and Harford counties.
Mr. James Harwood, St. Paul's church, Baltimore.
Mr. D. W. Middleton, Trinity parish, Washington city.
Mr. Thomas John Clagett, St. Mark's parish, Frederick county.
Mr. Richard J. Bowie, Prince George's parish, Montgomery county.
Mr. Wm. Pumphrey, St. Margaret's church, Ann Arundel county.
Dr. George R. Pearce, St. Stephen's parish, Cecil county.
Mr. William Krebs, St. Peter's church, Baltimore.
Mr. Z. L. Magruder, St. Bartholomew's parish, Montgomery county.
General James Sewall, Trinity church, Elkton.
*Mr. William W. Johnston, Somerset parish, Somerset county.
Colonel John Tilghman, St. Paul's parish, Queen Ann county.
Mr. John E. Hayward, All Hallow's parish, Worcester county,
Mr. Franklin Anderson, Christ church, Baltimore.
*Mr. Edward T. Trip, Jr.
Mr. C. H. Wiltberger, Washington Parish, Washington city.
Mr. Thomas J. Dorsett, All Hallow's parish, Ann Arundel county.
Mr. John Lowry, St. Andrew's church, Baltimore.
Mr. Thomas O. Bean, Trinity parish, Charles county.
Mr. Richard H. Marshall, All Saints' parish, Frederick county.
Dr. Mackall Harris, All Saints' parish, Calvert county.
Mr. Benjamin O. Lowndes, St. Matthew's church, Prince George's
county.
Mr. Henry N. Kirk, William and Mary parish, St. Mary's county.
Dr. Walter H. Briscoe, St. Andrew's parish, St. Mary's county.
Mr. Otho H. Williams, St. John's church, Hagerstown.
Dr. Allen Thomas, Christ church, Ann Arundel county.
Mr. Samuel Hambleton, St. Michael's parish, Talbot county.
Hon. John B. Eccleston, Chester parish, Chestertown.
Mr. Thomas S. Alexander, St. Ann's parish, Annapolis.
Mr. Joshua Hutchins, St. James' parish, Baltimore county.

*Mr. John G. Chapman, Port Tobacco, Charles county.

*Mr. John H. Simmons, Zion parish, Frederick county.

*Dr. Stephen N. C. White, St. Peter's parish, Montgomery county.

The Lay Delegates whose names are thus (*) marked, do not appear in the report of the committee as entitled to seats; the reason of the omission is, that two of the gentlemen were without credentials and the three last named, did not appear until the close of the session, and after the committee had reported. The right of these gentlemen to seats was however recognised by the convention.

Number of Clergymen in the Diocese.

At the last Convention, (1836,)	-	-	68
Added,	-	-	11—79
Removed to other Dioceses,	-	-	10
Died,	-	-	2—12
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Present number,	-	-	67
Attended the Convention,	-	-	40
Absent,	-	-	27—67

Total number of Clergy and Laity who attended the Convention.

Clergy,	-	-	40
Laity,	-	-	39—79

FORM OF A PAROCHIAL REPORT.

_____ *Parish*, _____ *County*, *May*, 18—

Baptisms, . Adults, white, —, colored —,= — } . . . —
“ . Infants, do. —, do —,= — } . . . —
Confirmed, . . . white, —, colored —, —
Communicants, last reported, —, added —, — }
“ died—, removed—, withdrawn—, suspended — }
Marriages, . . . white, —, colored —, —
Funerals, do. —, do. —, —
Sunday Schools, Male Teachers—, Scholars — } Teachers, —
“ “ Female do —, “ — } Scholars, —
Bible Classes . Male members—, Female members —, . . . —
Weekday Schools, number of scholars, —

Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the church.

Remarks by the Rector.

Place of residence particularly designated.

_____, _____, *Rector*.

APPENDIX.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE HOUSE OF BISHOPS,

Referred to in p. 17 of this Journal.

(Extract from the Journal of the General Convention, May 21, 1814.)

The following recommendation was proposed and adopted :

"The house of Bishops propose to the house of Clerical and Lay Deputies, the following recommendation to be considered of by the house, and if agreeable, to be returned to this house and entered on their Journal.

"Whereas, a diversity of custom has of late years prevailed in the posture of ministers and the people, during the act of singing the psalms and hymns in metre ; the former practice of sitting during this part of the service gradually giving way to the more comely posture of standing ; it is hereby recommended by this Convention that it be considered as the duty of the ministers of this church, to encourage the use of the latter posture, and to induce the members of their congregations as circumstances may permit, to do the same : allowance to be made for cases, in which it may be considered inconvenient by age or by infirmity. Practice under this recommendation is to begin from the time when suitable information shall have been given by the clergy to their respective flocks. And, it shall be the duty of every minister to give notice of this recommendation to his congregation at such time as in his discretion may be most proper. This recommendation was taken by the secretary to the house of Clerical and Lay Deputies."

May 23rd, 1814.

"The house of Clerical and Lay Deputies returned the recommendation concerning posture during the singing of the metre psalms, with their concurrence."

(Extract from the Journal of the General Convention of 1832.)

"The House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, having at the last Convention, requested the House of Bishops to express their opinion as to the proper postures to be used in the Com-

munion office, with a view of effecting uniformity in that respect, during its celebration, and the request having been then ordered to lie on the table for future consideration, the House of Bishops now communicated to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies the opinion thus requested of them, as follows:

First, with regard to the officiating priest, they are of opinion that as the Holy Communion is of a spiritually sacrificial character, the standing posture should be observed by him, wherever that of kneeling is not expressly prescribed, to wit; in all parts, including the ante-communion and post communion, except the confession, and the prayer immediately preceding the prayer of consecration.

Secondly, with regard to the people, the Bishops are of the opinion that they should observe the kneeling posture during all the prayers and other acts of devotion, except the *Gloria in excelsis*, when standing is required by the rubric, and except, also, during the allowed portion of the Hymns in metre, when the analogy of our services require the same posture. The same analogy, as well as fitness of posture for the succeeding private devotions, which are required alike by propriety and godly custom, supposes *kneeling* as the posture in which to receive the final blessing.

Analogy, also, and the expression at the close of the shorter exhortation immediately preceding the confession, as well as the rubric before the confession, which suppose the posture of kneeling to be *there* assumed, indicate that that exhortation, and the longer one immediately preceding, should be heard by the people *standing*.

The postures, therefore, proper to be observed by the people, during the Communion office, the Bishops believe to be as follows:—

Kneeling during the whole of the ante-communion, except the epistle, which is to be heard in the usual posture for hearing the Scriptures, and the gospel, which is ordered to be heard *standing*.

The sentences of the offertory to be heard *sitting*, as the most favorable posture for handing alms, &c., to the person collecting.

Kneeling to be observed during the prayer for the Church militant.

Standing during the exhortations.

Kneeling to be then resumed, and continued until after the prayer of consecration.

Standing at the singing of the hymn.

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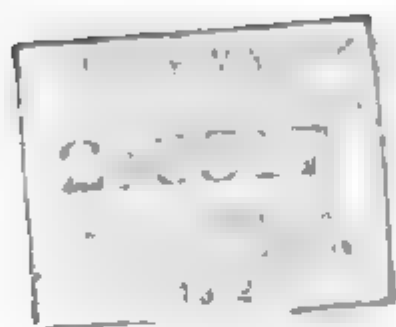
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CENTREVILLE, QUEEN ANN'S COUNTY,
Wednesday, May 30th, 1838.

This being the day appointed by the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Maryland, for the meeting of the Annual Convention of the same, a number of the clergy and laity assembled at 11 o'clock, A. M., in St. Paul's Church, in this town, it being appointed by the last annual convention as the place of meeting.

The morning prayer was read by the Rev. George McElhiney.

The ante-communion service was read by the Rev. Dr. Wyatt.

The convention sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Henshaw.

The Lord's supper was administered by the Rev. Dr. Wyatt and the Rev. Dr. Johns.

The convention was called to order by the Secretary, upon whom this duty devolved, the Chair being left vacant by the decease of the Right Rev. Bishop Stone.

RULES OF ORDER.

1st. The business of every day shall be introduced with prayer.

2d. This convention shall sit for the despatch of business, from 9 o'clock, A. M. until 3 o'clock, P. M.

3d. Every member shall take his seat when the President takes the chair, and remain uncovered until the convention adjourn.

4th. At the opening of each session of the convention, as soon as the President takes the chair, the names of the clergy, who were entitled to seats at the preceding convention, shall be called over by the Secretary of the last convention; or, in case of his absence, by a Secretary pro tem. to be appointed by the President. The Lay delegates shall lay their certificates of ap-

pointment on the table of the Secretary, and subscribe the declaration required by the constitution. If a constitutional quorum be found present, the President shall thereupon declare the fact, and announce that the convention is organized, and ready for business. A Secretary shall be elected. The following committees shall then be appointed by the chair:—One of elections, to consist of three, (to whom the testimonials of the lay delegates shall be referred;) one on accounts, to consist of three; and one on the rights of clergymen to seats in this convention, to consist of three clergymen.

5th. If the Bishop of the Diocese shall not be present at any meeting of the convention, at the opening of the same, the names of the clergy who were entitled to seats at the preceding convention, shall be called over by the secretary of the last convention; or, in case of his absence, by the first named member of the standing committee who may be present.

The lay delegates shall lay their certificates of appointment on the table, and subscribe the declaration required by the constitution. If a constitutional quorum be present, a President, pro tempore, shall be elected, agreeably to the seventh article of the constitution. A Secretary shall be elected; and then the chair shall appoint the several committees mentioned in the fourth rule of order.

6th. The standing committee for the preceding year shall be the committee on the state of the church; and all parochial reports shall be referred to the said committee.

7th. Every member who shall deliver his opinion, or speak in any debate, shall stand up in his place; and with respect and decency, address himself to the President.

8th. If two or more members shall rise to speak at the same time, the President shall declare who shall speak first.

9th. No member shall speak more than twice in any debate except with leave; nor shall any member be interrupted while he is speaking in order. And if any member shall rise to speak more than twice on the same question, without leave, the President shall call him to order.

10th. Any member called to order by the President, or by a member, shall thereupon take his seat.

11th. When the convention is sitting, no member shall speak to another, so as to interrupt any member who may be speaking in a debate.

12th. No motion shall be debated until the same be seconded; and if desired by the President, reduced to writing, and read by the Secretary.

13th. When a motion is made and seconded, the matter of the motion shall receive a determination by the question, unless

postponed by a motion for postponement, or by the previous question, before any other motion shall be received.

14th. If a question in debate contains more parts than one, any member may have the same divided into as many questions as there are parts.

15th. All questions of order shall be decided by the President. Upon all questions of order there shall be a right of appeal from the decision of the presiding officer to the convention.

16th. No member shall absent himself from the service of the convention, unless he may have leave, or be unable to attend.

17th. A question being once determined, shall stand as the judgment of the convention; and shall not be again drawn into debate during the same session, except with the consent of two-thirds of the convention.

18th. The foregoing rules of order shall be deemed and considered the rules of order of all future conventions, until altered or rescinded; and the same shall be published in the journal of each convention.

The names of the clergy of the diocese, who were entitled to seats at the last convention, were called over by the Secretary, agreeably to the 5th rule of order, when the following gentlemen were found to be in attendance, and took their seats as members, namely :—

Rev. Charles C. Austin,

“ Henry Aisquith,

“ Henry H. Bean,

“ Thomas Billopp,

“ William F. Chesley,

“ John Claxton,

“ Henry Crosdale,

“ John Delaplane,

“ Levin I. Gilliss,

“ Robert W. Goldsborough,

“ Robert L. Goldsborough,

“ F. R. Hanson,

“ Matthias Harris,

“ Hugh T. Harrison,

“ William Hawley,

“ J. P. K. Henshaw, D. D.

“ Alfred Holmead,

“ John Johns, D. D.

“ Leonard H. Johns,

“ Clement F. Jones,

“ John R. Keech,

Rev. Henry S. Keppler,

“ George McElhiney,

“ George L. Mackenheimer,

“ Alexander M. Marbury,

“ James A. McKenney,

“ John Owen,

“ William Pinkney,

“ Robert Prout,

“ Richard H. Phillips,

“ John P. Robinson,

“ John P. Robins,

“ Joseph Spencer, D. D.

“ Philip Slaughter,

“ William E. Wyatt, D. D.

“ John Wiley,

“ Lemuel Wilmer,

“ Henry Williams,

“ James D. Nicholson,

“ Benjamin M. Miller,

“ Robert Piggot.

The Lay delegates presented their testimonials, and signed the declaration required by the 2nd Article of the constitution. Their names follow :

Mr. Frederick H. Knapp,
 “ Wm. A. Spencer,
 “ James S. Morsell,
 “ James L. Edwards,
 “ Henry A. Callis,
 “ Samuel I. Donaldson,
 “ N. Brice,
 “ R. B. Magruder,
 “ Richard Potts,
 “ W. B. Scott,
 “ Horatio C. Scott,
 “ Edward A. Howard,
 “ Franklin Anderson,
 “ James Howard,
 “ Thomas John Clagett,
 “ John E. Berry,
 “ Robert Ghiselin,
 “ John E. Hayward,
 “ E. J. Middleton,
 “ William U. Purnell,
 “ Thomas J. Marshall,
 “ William Pumphrey,
 “ Littleton D. Handy,
 “ William W. Laird,
 “ Bennet Dyson,
 “ Joshua Hutchins,
 “ Jacob Shlageal,

Mr. Robert Bowie,
 “ James S. Morsell, jr.
 “ Thomas O. Bean,
 “ James Owens, jr.
 “ Richard M. I’Anson,
 “ A. P. Moores,
 “ C. H. Wiltberger,
 “ James Thomas,
 “ Enoch Bayley,
 “ Tench Tilghman,
 “ Nathan Dickerson,
 “ Samuel Hambleton,
 “ Joseph N. Stockett,
 “ Thomas W. Veazey,
 “ Frederick Dorsey,
 “ E. F. Chambers,
 “ James Stewart,
 “ James Sewall,
 “ Washington Duvall,
 “ Charles Johnson,
 “ F. S. Key,
 “ John C. Gott,
 “ Thomas S. Alexander,
 “ Alexander W. Thompson,
 “ John Somervell,
 “ John W. Stump,
 “ Edward Boyer.

The following resolutions offered by Francis S. Key, Esq., were seconded and concurred in, namely :—

Resolved, That the convention now proceed to the election of President, as required by the 7th article of the constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Maryland.

Resolved, That in electing a President and Secretary of this convention, a majority of the attending clerical and lay delegates on joint ballot, shall be necessary to a choice.

An election was then made for President of the Convention.

The Rev. Dr. Wyatt and the Rev. Dr. Johns were nominated as candidates for this office. The Rev. Mr. McElhiney and James Howard, Esq., were appointed tellers. The ballots received were 103, of which number 52 were for the Rev. Dr. Johns, and 51 for the Rev. Dr. Wyatt. The Rev. Dr. Johns

was thereupon declared to be elected, and was conducted to the chair by two of the clergy appointed for that purpose.

Mr. Richard M. Hall was re-elected Secretary.

The following committees were appointed by the chair:

On the rights of Clergymen to seats in this Convention.

Rev. Mr. Hawley, Rev. Dr. Henshaw, Rev. Clement F. Jones.

On Elections of Lay Delegates.

Francis S. Key, Esq., Hon. Judge Chambers, Franklin Anderson, Esq.

On Parochial Contributions.

Rev. L. I. Gilliss, H. C. Scott, Esq., Richard M. I'Anson, Esq.

On Accounts.

Rev. Mr. Mackenheimer, James L. Edwards, Esq., C. H. Wiltberger, Esq.

Leave of absence until Friday next, was given to the Rev. Mr. McElhiney.

Adjourned until 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, *May 31st.*

The convention met at the hour to which it stood adjourned. The morning prayer was read by the Rev. Clement F. Jones.

The names of the attending members were called over by the Secretary, and the minutes of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

It was on motion made and seconded, *Resolved*, That the payment to the Bishop's fund be continued, as heretofore.

The following resolution, made and seconded, was also adopted:—

Resolved, That clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church (who are not members of this body) and candidates for holy orders, who may be present on this occasion, be invited to attend the sittings of the convention as honorary members. Several gentlemen accepted the invitation, and took seats accordingly.

Application for the admission of Severn Church.

We the undersigned, in behalf of ourselves, and of such others as may hereafter choose to associate themselves with us, inhabitants of Anne Arundel county, do agree to form a separate congregation in connexion with the Protestant Episcopal Church

of Maryland, and do fix upon the following plan for the management of the temporal and spiritual concerns of said congregation :

1st. On Easter Monday in each year, an election shall be made of five trustees, members of said congregation, who are to act in behalf of said congregation, and who are to manage the estate, property, interest and inheritance of the same. Also, the persons so elected shall, with the rector, be the vestry of said church or congregation, and exercise such powers and perform such duties, as are mentioned to be performed in the constitution and canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States and of Maryland.

The following persons, to wit : *William Sands, Stevens Gambrill, Richard Sappington* and *Essex R. Dorsey*, are now elected by us to act as trustees, as aforesaid, until next Easter Monday.

2d. Every white male belonging to said congregation, at the time of the first election, and at any future election, who shall have belonged to it six months preceding the election, shall be entitled to vote for said trustees.

3d. The style and name of this congregation shall be "Severn Church."

Witness our hands this 5th day of April, 1838.

Signed,

S. Gambrill.
Wm. Sands,
Thos. Jenkins,
Essex R. Dorsey,
Adam T. Allen,
Basil D. Hall,
Richard Sappington,
Caleb Sappington,

Lt. Sappington,
John A. Baldwin,
Richard Wheeler,
Rezin Hammond,
P. Warfield,
Philip H. Mewbern,
Thomas Hammond.

I do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the proceedings of the congregation of "Severn Church."

May 28th, 1838.

WM. SANDS, *Register.*

The above document accompanied the application for admission into the diocese, of "Severn Church," in St. Ann's parish, Anne Arundel county, as a separate congregation; and was referred to a committee, consisting of Thomas S. Alexander, Esq. Samuel I. Donaldson, Esq. and the Hon. Judge Brice.

The committee on the election of Lay delegates, made their report, stating that the certificates of all the attending members were correct, excepting the testimonial of the delegate from St. Matthew's Church, Prince George's county, whose certificate was informal. The informality being satisfactorily accounted for the convention admitted Dr. Berry to his seat.

The committee on the rights of clergymen to seats in this convention, report in favour of the following gentlemen, viz :—

Rev. Charles C. Austin,	Rev. John R. Keech,
“ Henry Aisquith,	“ Samuel C. Kerr,
“ Walter D. Addison,	“ George McElhiney,
“ Henry H. Bean,	“ G. L. Mackenheimer,
“ Thomas Billopp,	“ R. Mitchell,
“ William Bryant,	“ Alexander. M. Marbury,
“ Upton Beall,	“ James A. McKenney,
“ Thomas Bayne,	“ Benjamin M. Miller,
“ William F. Chesley,	“ Henry Mason,
“ John Claxton,	“ James D. Nicholson,
“ Henry Crosdale,	“ John Owen,
“ John Delaplane,	“ William Pinkney,
“ William Duke,	“ Robert Prout,
“ Ira A. Easter,	“ Richard H. Phillips,
“ Levin I. Gilliss,	“ Robert Piggot,
“ Robert W. Goldsborough,	“ Joshua Peterkin,
“ Robert L. Goldsborough,	“ J. J. Robertson,
“ Matthias Harris,	“ John P. Robinson,
“ Hugh T. Harrison,	“ John P. Robins,
“ William Hawley,	“ Joseph Spencer,
“ J. P. K. Henshaw,	“ Philip Slaughter,
“ Warner Hoyt,	“ Joseph Trapnell,
“ Hector Humphreys,	“ Edwin M. Van Deusen,
“ Alfred Holmead,	“ W. E. Wyatt,
“ Orlando Hutton,	“ John Wiley,
“ John Johns,	“ Lemuel Wilmer,
“ Leonard H. Johns,	“ Henry Williams,
“ Clement F. Jones,	“ Simon Wilmer,
“ Henry S. Keppler,	“ R. H. Waters,

With regard to the Rev. F. R. Hanson and the Rev. Olcott Bulkley, the committee deem it proper, without the expression of any opinion on their part, in relation to the rightful claims of either of them to seats in this convention; to state the simple facts of the case, and submit the final decision to the just and equitable expression of the opinion of this convention.

The Rev. Mr. Hanson, it appears by the journal of 1834, first took his seat in the convention of this diocese, as Rector of Christ's Church, Prince George's county, to which he had been duly elected.

That wishing to engage in foreign missionary labour, he resigned his charge in 1835, and obtained from the Bishop of this diocese, the requisite credentials for his appointment to a foreign station, which was conferred upon him by the committee

for foreign missions of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States, in conformity with the 11th article of the constitution of that society, by whom he was patronized and engaged to visit the distant shores of China; at the same time without changing his canonical residence.

After an absence of about three years, he returned, on account of ill health, from his foreign mission, and considering himself as being, in the language of the 2d article of the constitution, "a missionary under the direction of the ecclesiastical authority of this diocese," entitled to a seat and vote in this convention, accordingly took his seat and voted for the election of a President.

The Rev. Mr. Bulkley states, that he has been the resident minister of the parish of Christ's Church, Calvert county, for nearly eight months,—that after repeated efforts on his part, in the way of correspondence with the Bishop of Virginia, to procure a requisite dismissory letter, the Bishop of Virginia transmitted it to Bishop Stone on the 12th of December last. This delay, the committee are persuaded, was not owing to any neglect or fault of Mr. Bulkley, and he, supposing no objection would be made, accordingly took his seat and voted for a President.

The foregoing statement of facts, is respectfully submitted to the convention for its consideration and final disposal, in the hope that a liberal construction will be given to the constitution and canons of the church, in relation to both the reverend gentlemen.

WM. HAWLEY, *Chairman.*

31st May, 1838.

An exception was made to the title of the Rev. Mr. Slaughter, but, upon a hearing of his case, the right to a seat was admitted by the convention, and he resumed his seat accordingly.

On motion, made by W. A. Spencer, Esq. and seconded, it was decided, that the Rev. Mr. Bulkley not having a canonical residence in this diocese, is not entitled to a seat in this convention.

Mr. Key offered the following resolution which was seconded:

Resolved, That the Rev. Mr. Hanson having been absent from the United States, in the service of the Missionary Society, and having when he left the United States, no other canonical residence than in this diocese, and having now relinquished his field of missionary labour from sickness, and returned into this diocese, be allowed a seat in this convention.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Spencer, and being seconded, was accepted as a substitute for the above resolution offered by Mr. Key.

Resolved, That the Rev. Mr. Hanson, not being a settled minister of some parish or separate congregation, nor a president, professor, tutor or instructor in some college or seminary of learning, nor a missionary under the direction of the ecclesiastical authority of this diocese, is not entitled to a seat.

This resolution was passed.

Report of the Committee to graduate the Convention fund.

The committee appointed at the last convention to graduate the contributions to the convention fund, upon the principle adopted in graduating the contributions to the Bishop's fund, to ascertain the amount of debt due by the convention, and to devise ways and means for the payment of the same, beg leave to report,—that the average annual expenses of the convention are about \$500, and that the debt now due is about \$760. In order to meet these demands, the committee recommend, that the parishes of the diocese be taxed according to the following scale :

NAMES OF PARISHES, &c.						For the payment of the debt now due.	Annual payment for cur- rent ex- penses.
St. Paul's parish, Baltimore,	-	-	-	-	-	\$76 00	\$45 00
St. Peter's church, do	-	-	-	-	-	60 00	36 00
Christ's church, do	-	-	-	-	-	60 00	36 00
St. Andrew's church, do	-	-	-	-	-		
Christ's church, Georgetown, D. C.	-						
St. John's parish, Washington, D. C.							
Trinity church, do do							
All Saints parish, Frederick town,	-					22 00	14 00
St. Anne's parish, Annapolis, -	-						
St. Peter's parish, Talbot county,	-						
Queen Ann's parish, Prince George's Co.							
William and Mary parish, Charles Co.							
St. John's parish, Washington county,							
St. Paul's parish, Prince George's Co.							
St. Paul's parish, Queen Anne's do						15 00	9 00
St. Michael's parish, Talbot do							
Chester parish, Kent do							
St. James parish, Anne Arundel do							
St. Margaret's, Westminster, A. A. Co.							
St. Stephen's parish, Cecil county,							
William and Mary parish, St. Mary's Co.						11 00	7 00
St. Thomas' parish, Baltimore county,							
All Saints parish, Calvert do							
All other parishes and congregations, each	-					7 00	6 00

The committee would respectfully suggest, that the parishes be required, immediately after the adjournment of the convention, to forward to the treasurer, (Mr. Richard H. Owen, Baltimore,) the sums with which they are respectively taxed for the payment of the debt. All which is respectfully submitted,

GEORGE McELHINEY,
ALEX. C. MAGRUDER, } Committee.
THOS. S. ALEXANDER,

The above report was laid on the table until to-morrow.

Report of the Committee on Accounts.

The committee appointed to examine the accounts of the treasurer of the convention, respectfully report, that they have examined all the accounts and vouchers furnished, and find the same to be correct.

GEORGE L. MACKENHEIMER, *Chairman.*

Dr. *Protestant E. Church of Md. in acc't with R. H. Owen, Treas.* Cr.

1837.		1837.	
June 3	To cash paid Rev. J. Judd, attending the standing committee, July, 1836, - - - -	May 31	By balance on hand, \$ 12 87
	Do. paid P. Hoffman for the sum advanced by him for quota of 1835 to General Convention, - - - -	June 3	Do. Committee appointed to receive the Annual Convention fund, - -
	Do. paid contribution for 1835 and 1836, to General Convention, - - - -		
	Do. paid R. M. Hall, Secretary, for 1836, - - - -		
	Do. paid incidental expenses, - - - -		
	Do. paid Rev. Geo. McElhiney, attending the Standing committee, - - - -		
	Do. paid J. Merriken, Sexton of St. Paul's Church, Baltimore, - - - -		
	Do. paid Rev. J. G. Blanchard's executor's account, Standing Committee, - - - -		
	Do. paid Lucas & Deaver for printing 750 copies of Journal of 1837, and 1000 copies of the Bishop's Address, - - - -		
	Do. Balance, - - - -		
	\$321 87		\$321 87

Balt. May 29, 1838.

R. H. OWEN, *Treasurer.*

The Treasurer of the Convention charged with the funds for the support of the Episcopate, begs leave respectfully to state, that no change has taken place in that fund since his report in 1835; the interest accruing thereon since, being annually paid to the Bishop, with the exception of the last year. In consequence of its not being demanded, and the recent lamented death of Bishop Stone, the interest remains undrawn; he has not received any payment on account thereof since his last annual report.

The fund alluded to above, consists of seven full
shares in the Union Bank of Maryland, valued at, \$525 00
Deposited in the Savings Bank of Baltimore, - 1,434 08

\$1,959 08

Exclusive of the interest accruing the last year.

R. H. OWEN, *Treasurer.*

Balt. May 29, 1838.

The above report was accepted.

The Rev. Dr. Johns tendered his resignation as President of the Convention, and on his retiring, the Rev. Mr. Hawley took the chair. The question was then put, "Will the Convention accept the resignation of the Rev. Dr. Johns?"—and decided in the negative by a unanimous vote. The Rev. Dr. Henshaw and W. A. Spencer, Esq., were appointed a committee to wait on Dr. Johns, and inform him of the decision of the convention, and to conduct him to his seat, which was done accordingly.

Adjourned until 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, *June 1st, 1838.*

The convention met at 9 o'clock, this morning.

The morning prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Gilliss.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

Mr. John G. Chapman and Mr. Joseph F. Shaw, presented their certificates as lay delegates and signed the declaration as required, their certificates were submitted to the committee on elections, who reported the same to the House as being correct; the convention approved the report, and the gentlemen took their seats as members.

It was on motion, *Resolved*, That a committee of three persons be appointed to report such resolutions to this convention, as may be expressive of the great loss which it has sustained, in the death of our late venerable and beloved diocesan. Committee appointed on the above resolution, Rev. Dr. Henshaw, Rev. Dr. Spencer, Hon. James Thomas.

The annual address prepared by the late Bishop Stone, and intended to be delivered by him, ~~was~~ presented to the convention, and on motion of the Rev. Mr. Chesley it was read, as follows :

Brethren of the Clergy

and of the Laity :

The kind providence of God having safely conducted us through the usual allotment of mercies and of trials to the close of another conventional year, the review of the past, calls for renewed expressions of gratitude to HIM who watches over his church, and for increased efforts in future to advance the Redeemer's cause. If in our different spheres of action there has been much to employ our time, and call forth our energies, should we not gratefully adore that Being who has rendered the performance of the work so delightful, and at the same time, as we may humbly trust, beneficial to the best interest of our fellow men? Our church at the present period, appears to have awakened to a sense of her responsibility, and calls upon her children to unite in strong, judicious, and devout efforts to repair her waste places, to occupy stations hitherto unclaimed and to make known even unto the ends of the earth the salvation of our God. "The time to favor Zion, yea, the set time is come, when the church is expected to look forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners."

Such a season will not allow us to gaze unmoved on the great efforts that are now making to establish the church, not only in the destitute regions of our country, but in heathen lands which the gospel of Christ has never reached. No; we have each of us a part to perform in the great work of evangelizing the world; and it is only by united effort that mountains of difficulties are removed, and the way made plain for the propagation of the everlasting Gospel. When we contrast the present with the past, and see what has been done, and is now doing to enlarge the borders of our Zion, and build up her members in the faith of her crucified Lord, we should not be discouraged by the obstacles which we may meet. What may we not hope for, when the great body of the church shall "come up to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty." Should the work continue to advance, and the agents and instruments for carrying it on be multiplied, may we not reasonably hope that the Almighty will speedily effect his gracious purposes, and that many who are now sitting in darkness and the shadow of death will be awakened to a sense of their wretchedness, and seek refuge under the cross of Christ. These considerations should

render us willing to make sacrifices, and increase our zeal in the cause of missions.

Were there no fields beyond our own borders that require missionary aid, we see at home barren wastes, where many are ignorant of the Lord who bought them, and are daily perishing in their sins for lack of knowledge. Knowing this to be the case, let us constantly bear in mind, that they are our brethren, redeemed with the precious blood of the Son of God, and have a claim upon our sympathies and benevolent exertions, that they may be released from the bondage of sin and death in which they are now held. It is indeed an animating thought to the believer in Jesus, while aiding by his means and personal efforts, the spreading of the gospel of the Son of God, that such labor cannot be in vain; that the day is approaching when all the nations of the earth shall bow to the cross of Christ; when it shall no longer be said—"Know the Lord: for they shall all know me from the least of them unto the greatest of them saith the Lord!

Our distinguished branch of the church, from her peculiar organization, is well adapted to act a conspicuous part in the accomplishment of this great work. She should not wait for others to lead the way, but should press forward in the path of duty, regardless of difficulties and trusting to the mighty hand of God for that aid and support so graciously promised to every faithful effort. Let not this section of the church to which we belong be found wanting through our neglect. Much depends upon our individual exertions, whether the church of Maryland will take that stand among her sister Dioceses which her location, intelligence, wealth and other circumstances entitle her to occupy. Should we, with our peculiar advantages, be found neglectful of the duties which, as members of the visible church we are solemnly bound to perform, we must not expect to share a better fate than theirs whose "candlesticks were removed out of their place."

I must repeat the remark, that our domestic Missionary Society, established a few years ago with great unanimity by this convention, does not receive all that support from the members of our church generally which its importance, and the wants of the Diocese demand. We have still several parishes that are fast falling into decay, and unless active and benevolent exertions are put forth in their behalf, it will be impossible to re-establish the ministry among them. The delay of every year increases the difficulty. So deeply am I impressed with this conviction, that I have seldom omitted to mention in my reports the wants of the Diocese, hoping that by frequently calling your attention to the subject, something would finally be done to place those parishes in a different situation. My peculiar situation gives me

an opportunity of ascertaining with some degree of certainty the wants of the Diocese. There are many fertile regions within our limits where the church is not known, except from the remains of dilapidated temples now yielding to the ravages of time. Most reluctantly do I mention such facts. My duty to the church however demands the statement, while my spirit is saddened at the recital of them. Knowing your attachment to truth and order, I will not indulge the desponding thought that these appeals will always be unavailing; but, that an animating response will soon be made by those whose charity we now respectfully solicit.

I now proceed under the direction of the *seventh* canon of the General Convention of 1835 to give you a detail of the several Episcopal duties which I have performed during the past year, and such other information as I may possess, that is calculated to interest the church, "and throw light upon the affairs of the Diocese."

On Thursday, June the 29th, I preached in the parish church St. Margaret's, Westminster, Anne Arundel county.

On Friday, the 30th, I preached in the chapel belonging to the same parish.

On Sunday, July the 2d, I preached in St. Ann's church, Annapolis, and confirmed ten persons, and again I preached in the afternoon in the same church.

On Monday, the 3d, I preached in All Hallows parish, Anne Arundel county, and confirmed two persons.

On Tuesday, the 4th, I preached in St. James' church, West River, and confirmed four persons.

On Wednesday, the 5th, I preached in All Saints parish, Calvert county, and confirmed eleven persons.

On Thursday, the 6th, I preached in Christ church parish, Calvert county, and confirmed six persons.

On Friday, the 7th, I preached in the chapel belonging to the same parish.

On Sunday, the 9th, I preached in Trinity church, William & Mary parish, St. Mary's county, and confirmed fifteen persons.

On Monday, the 10th, I preached in Poplar Hill church, the same parish, and confirmed fifteen persons.

On Tuesday, the 11th, I preached in St. Andrews' parish, St. Mary's county, and confirmed six white and six coloured persons.

On Wednesday, the 12th, I preached in All Saints church, King & Queen parish, and confirmed seventeen white and thirteen colored persons.

On Thursday, the 13th, I preached in the Chapel, in the same parish.

On Friday, the 14th, I preached in All Faith parish, St. Mary's county, and confirmed twenty-two white and five coloured persons.

On Saturday, the 15th, I preached in Old Field's church, Trinity parish, Charles county, admitted the Rector, the Rev'd. James D. Nicholson, to the Holy Order of Priest, and confirmed thirteen white and one coloured person.

On Sunday, the 16th, I preached in the parish church, near New Port, and confirmed nine white and six coloured persons.

On Monday, the 17th, I preached in William & Mary parish, Charles county, and confirmed seven persons.

On Wednesday, the 19th, I preached in St. Paul's chapel, Port Tobacco parish, and confirmed six persons.

On Thursday, the 20th, I preached in Port Tobacco church, and confirmed three persons.

On Friday, the 21st, I preached in St. James' chapel, Durham parish, and confirmed five persons.

On Saturday, the 22d, I preached in the parish church, Durham parish, Charles county, and confirmed thirteen persons.

On Sunday, the 23d, I preached in a small chapel, belonging to St. John's parish, Prince George's county, and confirmed twelve white and one coloured person. And in the afternoon of the same day, I preached in Christ church, the same parish, and confirmed two white and three colored persons.

On Monday, the 24th, I consecrated a chapel, by the name of St. Barnabas, belonging to Broad Creek church, Prince George's county, and preached in the said chapel both morning and afternoon.

On Tuesday, the 25th, I preached in Broad Creek church, and confirmed nine persons.

On Wednesday, the 26th, I preached in St. Paul's parish, Prince George's county, and confirmed two persons.

On Thursday, the 27th, I preached in the chapel belonging to the same parish, and confirmed three persons.

On Friday, the 28th, I preached in Trinity church, Upper Marlborough, and confirmed one white and one coloured person.

On Saturday, the 29th, I preached in the chapel belonging to Queen Ann parish, Prince George's county, and confirmed six white and two coloured persons.

On Sunday, the 30th, I preached in the parish church, same parish, and confirmed three persons.

On Monday, the 31st, the Rev. Mr. McElhiney preached in St. Ann's church, Annapolis. I admitted to the order of Deacons, Mr. Samuel C. Kerr and Mr. Orlando Hutton. And at night Mr. Kerr preached, and I confirmed three persons.

On Saturday, October the 7th, I preached in St. Bartholomew's parish, Montgomery county, and confirmed one person.

On Sunday, the 8th, I preached in Rockville, Montgomery county, and confirmed four persons.

On Tuesday, the 10th, I preached in St. Peter's parish, Montgomery county, and confirmed eleven persons.

On Wednesday, the 11th, I preached in Zion church, Frederick county, and confirmed one person.

On Thursday, the 12th, I preached in St. Mark's parish, Maryland Tract, Frederick county, and confirmed eight persons. And in the afternoon of the same day, at Pleasant Valley, and confirmed eight persons.

On Friday, the 13th, I preached in Sharpsburgh, Washington county.

On Sunday, the 15th, I preached in St. John's church, Hagerstown, and confirmed nine persons. And at night I preached in the same church, and confirmed one person.

On Tuesday, the 17th, I consecrated a church in Hancock, Washington county, by the name of St. Thomas' church, preached, and confirmed two persons.

On Thursday, the 19th, I preached in Cumberland, Alleghany county, and confirmed ten persons. And at night I preached again in the same church, and confirmed one person.

On Sunday, the 22d, I preached in Frederick city, and confirmed three persons, and again I preached at night in same church.

On Monday, the 24th, I preached in St. John's church, Anne Arundel county, and confirmed seven persons. On the same occasion, I admitted Ira A. Easter to the order of deacon.

On Tuesday, the 25th, I preached in Christ church, Anne Arundel county, and confirmed six persons.

Clergical changes:—The Rev. Mr. Talbot, has removed to the diocese of Pennsylvania. The Rev. Mr. Marsden, to the diocese of Pennsylvania. The Rev. John Alberger, to the diocese of Michigan. The Rev. H. V. D. Johns, to the diocese of Ohio. The Rev. Mr. Piggot, in addition to his present charge, has accepted the Rectorship of Shrewsbury parish, Kent county. The Rev. Mr. Hoyt, has become the Rector of All Hallows and Worcester parishes, Worcester county. The Rev'd. Mr. Crosdale, has become the Rector of Somerset and Coventry parishes, Somerset county. The Rev. Mr. Waters, has become Rector of Spring Hill and Stepney parishes, Somerset county. The Rev. Mr. Bulkley, from the diocese of Virginia, has become Rector of Christ Church parish, Calvert county. The Rev'd. Joshua Peterkin from the diocese of Virginia, has become Rector of St.

Andrew's parish, Baltimore. The Rev. Henry Mason, from the diocese of New Jersey, has become Rector of St. Peter's parish, Talbot county. The Rev. Mr. Kerr, has become Rector of St. Paul's parish, Prince George's country. The Rev. Upton Beall, from the diocese of Virginia, and the Rev. Willie Peck, from the diocese of Delaware, have been received into this diocese and reside in Baltimore. The Rev'd. Orlando Hutton, has become assistant minister in St. Paul's Church, Baltimore. The Rev. William Bryant, from the diocese of Virginia, has become assistant minister in Christ Church, Baltimore. The Rev. Ira A. Easter, is residing in Baltimore.

Clergy and candidates for orders.

The number of clergy in the diocese of Maryland, is seventy two. The number of candidates for holy orders, is ten. They are as follows; James A. Buck, received May the 30th, 1833, James C. Wheat, November 22d, 1833, James Abercrombie, May the 29th 1834; Thomas James Wyatt, May 26th, 1836; Jeremiah M. Rhodes, May the 26th, 1836; Enoch Bayly, July 21st, 1826; Joseph Trapnell, January the 18th, 1837; Lavington W. Crampton, July the 20th, 1837; William H. Trapnell, October 5th, 1837; Martin L. Rogers, October 5th, 1837; John Martin transferred from the diocese of New York, January 19th, 1838.

It affords me pleasure in the conclusion of this report, to state to the convention, that at no period within my recollection have the parishes been better supplied with ministers than at the present. We have had during the past year, an accession to the ministry of young men, who are disposed to labor in the Diocese where they received their commission to preach the gospel. But although nearly all our parishes are partially supplied with the administration of the word and ordinances; we must not conclude from this circumstance that we have no need of a further supply of clergymen. Age and infirmities disqualify some for much usefulness. And let it be remembered that ten or twelve of our parishes have associated themselves with others in their vicinity, and instead of each parish employing its own minister as they should do, they have now in their service only one half of the number that is requisite for uninterrupted worship. The consequence is that the chapels in some instances are thrown off, and the parish church is made the central point for the congregation, while many from their distant location and want of conveyances, are thus entirely debarred from the exalted privileges of the sanctuary. Can it be that the love of money, and the desire of accumulating earthly treasures have so entirely taken possession of the hearts of men, that they feel

little disposition to support the institutions of religion at the expense of their wealth? Heaven forbid! But most of the parishes to which I have alluded have the ability to support a rector, did they feel that interest for their soul's salvation, which they manifest in providing for the wants of their bodies. While the promotion of vital christianity is made a secondary consideration, we cannot expect to see the church progress; with what rapidity would she go onward, were her members faithful and diligent in the discharge of their duties! how many valuable positions are there yet within the diocese of Maryland, where new parishes ought to be organized and churches built. Opposed by sectarian prejudices on every side, unless the impulse is first given by our more favoured brethren, we shall hope in vain at least for a considerable time to see a more favourable state of things. Particular districts that are entirely cut off from the regular means of grace are known to the most of you from personal observation or report. Oh! that the members of our different congregations were more engaged in prayer for divine illumination! we should soon find that in proportion to their zeal for the cause of Christ, correspondent efforts would be made to enlighten the minds of those who are now sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death. Impressed with this truth, let every minister feeling the love of souls glowing in his bosom, continually urge upon his hearers to have their hearts zealously affected in a good cause. Soon then shall we cease to complain of unfaithfulness on the part of others, but rather rejoice in an increase of grace, of knowledge and of holiness among all. Seeing what has been done within our own limits during the last twenty years, let us not be discouraged should a cloud occasionally intercept our view, but encouraged by the past, let us increase our efforts for the future, until all who are our brethren may have free access to the house of God, and worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

In conclusion I will call your attention to the proposed changes in the constitution and liturgy of the church, they were spread upon the journal for your inspection two years ago. It is necessary for you to act upon them at the present convention, as the general convention will meet the first Wednesday in September next.

This report has been extended to a greater length than at first contemplated, and I will conclude with *commending you to God and the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and give you an inheritance among all them that are sanctified.*

WILLIAM M. STONE.

The committee on parochial contributions made their report, which was accepted, as follows :—

Report of the Committee on Parochial Contributions.

The committee appointed to receive the annual contributions from the various parishes, to the Bishop's and Convention funds, beg leave to make the following report to the convention :

NAMES OF PARISHES, &c.	Bishop's fund.	Convention fund.
Prince George's Parish, Montgomery county, .	\$ 10 00	\$
St. Thomas' do Baltimore do . .	15 00	1 00
Trinity Church, Upper Marlborough, . . .	10 00	6 00
All Saints Parish, Calvert county, } Arrearages \$5 con- vention fund.	15 00	11 00
Trinity Church, Washington city,	30 00	6 00
Queen Ann's Parish, Prince George's county, .	30 00	6 00
St. John's Church, Washington city,	30 00	6 00
Spring Hill, Somerset county,		6 00
Christ Church, Georgetown, D. C.	30 00	6 00
St. Matthew's Church, Prince George's county, .	10 00	6 00
St. John's Church, Hagerstown,	20 00	6 00
Christ's Church, Baltimore city,	80 00	6 00
Do do St. John's Parish, Prince } Arrearages George's county, } \$10, Bish- op's fund	20 00	6 00
Trinity Church, Charles county,	10 00	6 00
Worcester Parish, Worcester county,	10 00	6 00
Coventry Parish, Somerset county, arrearages \$13 33 Bishop's fund,	23 33	16 67
Christ's Church, Calvert Co. } Arrearages, \$18 Bishop's fund " 14 Convention.	28 00	20 00
St. James Parish, Baltimore county,	10 00	6 00
Durham Parish, Charles county, arrearages \$1, Con- vention fund,	10 00	7 00
St. Andrew's Parish, St. Mary's county, . . .	10 00	6 00
St. Andrew's Church, Baltimore city,	30 00	2 00
St. James' Parish, Anne Arundel county, . . .	20 00	6 00
Trinity Church, Elkton,	10 00	6 00
St. Peter's Parish, Montgomery county, . . .	10 00	6 00
Zion Parish, Frederick county,	10 00	6 00
St. Mark's Parish, Frederick county,	10 00	6 00
Christ's Church, Kent Island,	6 50	
St. John's Parish, Baltimore and Harford counties, .	10 00	6 00
All Hallow's Parish, Worcester county, . . .	10 00	6 00
St. Paul's Parish, Prince George's county, arrearages, Bishop's fund \$20; Convention do. \$6,	40 00	12 00
St. Peter's Church, Baltimore city,	80 00	6 00
Great Choptank Parish, Dorchester county, . .	10 00	6 00
St. Michael's Parish, Talbot county,	20 00	6 00
St. Margaret's, Westminster Parish, Anne Arundel Co.		6 00
Rock Creek Church, D. C., arrearages \$6 Con. fund.	10 00	12 00
St. John's Church, Broad Creek Parish, . . .	10 00	
Amount carried forward,	\$ 687 83	\$ 231 67

NAMES OF PARISHES, &c. CONTINUED.	Bishop's Fund.	Convention Fund.
Amount brought forward,	\$ 687 83	\$ 231 67
Shrewsbury Parish, Kent county,		6 00
Somerset Parish, Somerset county,	4 00	6 00
St. Paul's Parish, Queen Ann's county,	20 00	6 00
Christ's Church, Washington city,	10 00	
Havre de Grace Church, Harford county,	15 00	9 00
Stepney Parish, Somerset county,		6 00
St. Peter's Parish, Talbot county, arrearages \$14, Bishop's fund,	44 00	6 00
William and Mary's Parish, St. Mary's county,	15 00	6 00
All Saints' Parish, Frederick county,	30 00	6 00
St. Paul's Church, Baltimore city,	100 00	6 00
Christ's Church, Caroline Parish, Anne Arundel Co.	10 00	
All Hallows Parish, Anne Arundel county,	10 00	6 00
Chester Parish, Kent county,	20 00	6 00
St. Stephen's Parish, Cecil county,	15 00	6 00
Severn Church, Anne Arundel county,		6 00
Port Tobacco Parish, Charles county,	10 00	6 00
All Faith Parish, St. Mary's county, arrearages \$16, St. Anne's Parish, Annapolis,	20 00 30 00	12 00 6 00
Total,	\$1040 83	\$ 336 67

All which is respectfully submitted.

L. I. GILLISS,
HORATIO C. SCOTT,
RICHARD M. I'ANSON.

Memorandum.—The committee would beg to add, that in counting the money received by them as per foregoing list, they found a surplus of forty-five dollars and fifty cents, which they cannot account for,—but as Mr. Thomas O. Bean, the delegate from Trinity Parish, Charles County, is deficient in his cash account, the sum of fifty dollars, which may have occurred in changing a note of one hundred dollars for him, they have upon advice paid the said surplus over to him, and taken his obligation to return it to the treasurer at sight, should it be ascertained to belong elsewhere.

L. I. GILLISS,
HORATIO C. SCOTT,
RICHARD M. I'ANSON.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the sermons of the Rev. Mr. Pinkney and the Rev. Mr. Owen, (in behalf of the Prayer Book and Homily Society, and for the relief of the widows and orphans of deceased clergymen,) be postponed for the present, and be hereafter delivered by them in Baltimore, at such times as they, on conferring with the clergy of that city, may agree on, and that public notice be given accordingly.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Hawley, it was *Resolved*, That the convention now go into the election of Bishop for this diocese. The President called the Rev. Dr. Henshaw to occupy the chair.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That the laudable example which obtained on a former occasion, be now adopted, and that five minutes be allowed for silent prayer, previous to going into the election. After this time had elapsed, the Rev. Mr. Chesley nominated the Rev. Dr. Johns; the Rev. Mr. McElhiney nominated the Rev. Dr. Wyatt.

The Rev. Dr. Wyatt then addresssed the convention in behalf of himself and the Rev. Dr. Johns, as follows:—

Bretheren of the Clergy and Laity.—It is with no ordinary emotions that the two individuals who have been just honored by the nomination of them made upon the floor of this house, to the high and sacred office of bishop, approach you at this time. Understanding, as we are taught, that this measure of yours has not been the result of momentary excitement, nor of mere personal attachment, but that it is the expression of the kind regard for the manner in which, according to the ability given to us, we have endeavored to fulfil our parochial duties, and those offices in the diocese which successive conventions had imposed, we thank God, the fountain of every good and perfect gift, for his grace, without which nothing is strong, nothing is holy, and we beg you to accept the assurance of our respectful and grateful sensibility.

But brethren, even this obliging consideration of yours is not without the alloy which attends every thing human; that difference of opinion and principle which may be honestly maintained, is found in our communion; and there exists among us a division of the body. And we should forfeit our claim to the confidence placed in us, if we were capable of forgetting the anxieties, discussions and apprehension, at the expense of which you have arrived at this crisis. Instead of looking on heartlessly at the conflicts which may continue to agitate this body and the diocese, it is the best return we can offer, and the best use we can make of any degree of influence you may allow us, respectfully to request, that you will permit us to assume the task of mediation. In allowing ourselves to be thus far the involuntary instruments, or causes of disunion, we have yielded to that regard for the judgment and wishes of our friends, to which all in some degree are bound to submit. We now feel that it is our privilege to exercise our best judgment: and after a perfectly free and cordial conference, we have determined, with great deference to your right to dispose of our services in the church, to

unite in retiring from the position to which your friendship had conducted us.

Our object, however, would be but imperfectly accomplished, if we should leave the convention still open to the discussions, and perhaps still more painful excitements, which might arise from a renewed consideration of the duty before you. The church should not be left imperfectly organised through want of a chief shepherd. The episcopal chair, from which there should emanate continually admonition, guidance, and authority, should not be vacant. And we trust that it will not be transcending the privilege which your late act has afforded us, should we respectfully recommend to your notice for the episcopal office, another clergyman, whose qualifications and claims far surpass those of the individuals hitherto honored by your choice. There are in the diocese clerical brethren, whose piety, attainments, experience, and established position, amply entitle them to the confidence of the church. But (although upon this particular point there is not an entire agreement,) the best judgment of one of us coincides with that of many others, that by seeking a candidate for the vacant office among the eminent and excellent men to be found in other dioceses, we should contribute most effectually to allay the fervour of feeling in our own community, and the new bishop would assume his duties, untrammelled by the obligations, and recollections of past events. After an humble appeal, therefore, to that Great Being who overrules by his providence and guides by his Spirit, the minutest circumstances that can affect the welfare of his creatures, and would not we trust, be absent from the councils of his church, at a crisis so vitally important as the present, we unite in nominating to you, informally, the Rev. Alonzo Potter, D. D. professor of Moral Philosophy in Union college, Schenectady. Although he is personally not very intimately known to us, the esteem in which his pure life, sound doctrine, and cultivated intellect are held by the public, seems to warrant us in making such a selection. This we well know is neither officially authorised, nor binding upon this convention. But we earnestly trust that the motives and considerations which have governed us will be affectionately appreciated by our friends, and that you will adopt the course thus pointed out.

In this request we beg to be distinctly understood, not to make on our own part, or to venture to recommend to you, a sacrifice of principle. Personal feelings we may merge in higher considerations, and views of expediency may be modified by circumstances of a corresponding kind. But the great principles which the Lord of the household has established for the order and well being of his church, are not submitted to our

discretion, and should never be compromised for any amount of present convenience. If we found ourselves so situated that we could not place a bishop over the diocese without a measure involving light regard for any of the eternal principles of truth, we should consider the dilemma a providential one, and with prayer and patience submit to it until Providence was pleased to interpose for our relief. But we have no hesitation in expressing our trust, that the person now named to you, is truly attached to the doctrines, worship, and government, established in the Protestant Episcopal Church in these United States; and that he will be conscientiously governed in all his ministrations, by the Constitutions and canons of the General and Diocesan conventions. We have too high respect for this excellent brother, for a moment to believe that he would accept your appointment, should you proffer it to him, with any other views and intentions.

There is another collateral matter not entirely without its difficulties, I allude to the arrangements which the appointment would demand for the proper maintenance of such an officer. Into this we are not called minutely to enter. But it is a subject of agreeable reflection, that there are situations in the District of Columbia which might be easily and advantageously occupied by the Bishop of this diocese, and in which the accession of his services and influence to that of the valuable brethren already there, would contribute to present the Episcopal church to the view of foreigners, as well as of our own country at large, honorably and beneficially.

Brethren, commending you to God, and the power of his grace, we humbly invoke for you, for the church, and for ourselves, the guidance, protection and blessing of our great Covenant Head.

WM. E. WYATT,
JOHN JOHNS.

June 1st, 1838.

A division of the house now took place, the Rev. clergy taking the right of the chair.

A recess of ten minutes was allowed the clergy to confer together on the recommendation referred to above; from which they dissented.

The Rev. Mr. Chesley then nominated the Rev. Dr. Henshaw; when it was announced to the convention by the Rev. Mr. McElhiney, that if any other person than the Rev. Dr. Potter was put in nomination, the arrangement proposed in the foregoing communication was at an end; and he withdrew Dr. Potter's name, and substituted that of Dr. Wyatt: whereupon the Rev. Dr. Henshaw declined being balloted for, and nominated Dr. Johns.

The Rev. Mr. Hawley and the Rev. Mr. McElhiney were appointed tellers, who reported the result to be as follows, viz:—

For the Rev. Dr. Johns, 26 votes,	}	First ballot.
“ Dr. Wyatt, 22 “		
“ Dr. Johns, 27 “	}	Second ballot.
“ Dr. Wyatt, 21 “		

The Rev. Dr. Wyatt then again withdrew his name, and nominated the Rev. Alonzo Potter. The vote then stood

For the Rev. Dr. Johns, 26 votes,	}	Third ballot.
“ Dr. Potter, 21 “		
Blank, 2 “		
“ Dr. Johns, 27 “	}	Fourth ballot.
“ Dr. Potter, 20 “		
Blank, 2 “		

After the 4th ballot, the Rev. Dr. Johns resumed the chair, withdrew his own name, and substituted that of Rev. Dr. Henshaw; whereupon, Dr. Potter's name was withdrawn, and Dr. Wyatt re-nominated.

For the Rev. Dr. Henshaw, 25 votes,	}	Fifth ballot.
“ Dr. Wyatt, 22 “		
“ Dr. Johns, 1 “		
“ Dr. Henshaw, 24 “	}	Sixth ballot.
“ Dr. Wyatt, 23 “		
Blank, 1 “		

The Rev. Dr. Henshaw withdrew, and nominated the Rev. Dr. Johns.

For the Rev. Dr. Wyatt, 24 votes,	}	Seventh ballot.
“ Dr. Johns, 23 “		
“ Dr. Potter, 1 “		
“ Dr. Wyatt, 25 “	}	Eighth ballot.
“ Dr. Johns, 23 “		

After the eighth ballot, a motion was made to adjourn for 15 minutes—an amendment to this motion was offered, that the house now adjourn until five o'clock, and carried.

The house met at 5 o'clock, after a recess of an hour and a half.

The report of the committee for graduating the contributions was called up and passed.

Report of the Committee on the application to admit Severn church.

The committee appointed to report on the application to authorise the forming of a separate congregation in St. Anne's parish, Anne Arundel county.

That it appears by the document presented to the convention that a separate congregation in St. Anne's parish, Anne Arundel county, has been agreed to be formed, to which there appears to be no objection.

The committee therefore report the following resolution, and recommend the adoption of it by the convention.

Resolved, That the leave of the convention be given as required by the 13th canon, to the formation of a separate congregation in St. Anne's parish in Anne Arundel county, to be called Severn Church; and that when said congregation shall be incorporated under the laws of the State, it shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of other congregations or parishes in this diocese.

TH. ALEXANDER,
SAMUEL I. DONALDSON, } Committee.
N. BRICE.

The above report was accepted, and the resolution admitting Severn Church into the diocese passed unanimously.

The balloting was resumed; the candidates last voted for, being still before the house.

At the 9th ballot the votes were for Dr. JOHNS, 25
 Dr. WYATT, 22

A motion to suspend the voting was then moved, and prevailed.

The honorable Judge Chambers offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted.

Resolved, "That a committee of four clerical and four lay members be appointed to confer together, in the spirit of christian conciliation upon the subject of electing a bishop of this diocese and that they endeavour to agree upon, and recommend to this convention, a proper person to discharge the duties of that sacred office, and preserve the harmony of the church."

Committee appointed on the foregoing resolution.

CLERGY.	LAITY.
Rev. L. I. Gilliss,	Judge Chambers,
" William Hawley,	F. S. Key,
" W. F. Chesley,	Thomas S. Alexander,
" James A. McKenney.	J. G. Chapman.

Election for Standing Committee.

An election for standing committee to serve the ensuing year, was now made, and resulted as follows:—

Rev. Dr. HENSHAW,	}	For the Western Shore.
" Dr. JOHNS,		
" Dr. WYATT,		
" GEORGE McELHINEY,		
Rev. Dr. SPENCER,	}	For the Eastern Shore.
" CLEMENT F. JONES,		
" HENRY MASON,		

It was, on motion, *Resolved*, That the latter part of the late Bishop Stone's address, in reference to the alteration of the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and note on the Table of moveable Feasts, as spread upon the journal of this diocese for 1836, p. 18, be referred to a committee, to report thereon at this session.

Committee appointed on the above Resolution.

Rev. Dr. Henshaw, Rev. John R. Keech, Richard Potts, Esq.

On motion made and seconded, it was *Resolved*, That the next annual convention be held in the city of Baltimore.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this Convention be directed to forward to the Secretary of the last house of Clerical and Lay deputies, the amount due and required to be paid by this diocese by the 8th canon, passed by the General Convention in 1835.

The foregoing resolution, submitted by James Howard, Esq. was passed.

It was, on motion, *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to inquire, whether the executor of the late Bishop Stone is entitled to receive the money now paid to the Bishop's fund; and if so, that the treasurer of the convention pay the amount to the order of the committee.

S. I. DONALDSON, Esq.
FRANKLIN ANDERSON, Esq.
HON. JUDGE MAGRUDER,

Were appointed the committee on this resolution.

The following gentlemen were proposed as trustees to the General Theological Seminary, and were accepted by the convention, viz :

CLERGY.	LAITY.
Rev. Dr. Wyatt,	Hon. Judge Brice,
" Dr. Johns,	Hon. Judge Chambers,
" Dr. Henshaw,	Hon. Judge Eccleston,
" Dr. Spencer,	Francis S. Key, Esq.
" Mr. Wiley,	

An election was made for Delegates to the General Convention, resulting as follows, namely :—

CLERGY.

Rev. Joseph Spencer, D. D.
“ John Johns, D. D.
“ W. E. Wyatt, D. D.
“ J. P. K. Henshaw, D. D.

LAYTY.

Hon. Judge Eccleston,
Hon. Judge Chambers,
Francis S. Key, Esq.
A. C. Magruder, Esq.

Report of the Committee on the proposed alteration of the Constitution, &c., of the P. E. Church in the United States.

The committee to whom was referred the alterations proposed at the last general convention in the constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and the note proposed by the same body to be added to the table of moveable Feasts—report the following resolution :

Resolved, That the above proposal be and the same hereby is approved by this convention.

J. P. K. HENSHAW, Chairman.

Resolution in reference to the death of Bishop Stone.

The committee appointed to prepare a resolution expressive of the feelings of this convention, in reference to the heavy loss which this diocese has sustained in the death of its late venerated and beloved Bishop, beg leave to report the following resolution.

Resolved, That this convention desire to express their deep affliction in the death of the Right Rev. Bishop Stone, and their sympathy with his family and the church, in this bereavement ; and while they cherish the memory of his piety and virtues, feel grateful to Almighty God, for the benefit which the church in this diocese received from his faithful and valuable services.

J. P. K. HENSHAW, Chairman.

Report of the Committee of Conference, recommending a suitable person for Bishop.

The committee of conference, appointed by the convention, to nominate a suitable person as Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Maryland, beg leave to report, that they have had the subject under their most serious consideration, and respectfully and unanimously recommend to the convention, the names of two distinguished gentlemen, the Rev. Dr. Hawks, and the Rev. Dr. Eastburn, from whom to select.

The committee believe, that the election of either of these gentlemen, will insure to the diocese a valuable and acceptable diocesan.

Being unable themselves to decide between their respective claims, they recommend that a ballot be taken without debate by the clerical order, and that the person having the smallest number of votes be dropped, and the other elected. By order,
L. I. GILLISS, Chairman.

The above report was accepted, and in accordance with the recommendation therein contained, the convention went into the proposed election, without debate. The ballots of the clergy on being counted, were for the Rev. Dr. Eastburn, 27
“ Dr. Hawks, 23

A selection being thus made of one of the two gentlemen, in conformity with the plan proposed, a second balloting of the clerical body took place, resulting as follows:—

For the Rev. Dr. Eastburn,	-	-	-	-	42
“ “ Dr. Hawks,	-	-	-	-	3
“ “ Blanks,	-	-	-	-	4
“ “ Dr. DeLancy,	-	-	-	-	1

The nomination of Dr. Eastburn, was then presented to the Laity, and the election was decided as follows:

For the Rev. Dr. Eastburn,	-	-	-	-	45
“ “ Dr. Hawks,	-	-	-	-	2
“ “ Blanks,	-	-	-	-	8
“ “ Dr. Johns,	-	-	-	-	1
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					56

After the result of the election was announced, the members of the House proceeded to sign the testimonial in favour of the Bishop elect, as required by the 3d canon of the General Convention. The testimonial was signed by forty-seven clergymen and forty-eight laymen.

A committee, consisting of the Rev. Dr. Wyatt, and the Rev. Dr. Johns, were appointed, to communicate to Dr. Eastburn his election.

Resolution to alter the 5th article of the Constitution.

On motion, (of the Rev. Dr. Henshaw,) made and seconded, it was *Resolved*, That it be made known to the several vestries, that it is proposed to add to the *fifth article* of the Constitution of the Church in this diocese; the following proviso, to be added immediately after the words, “duly elected.” Provided, that whenever it shall be proposed to elect an assistant Bishop of this diocese, notice thereof shall be given at an annual convention, and the election shall take place at the succeeding annual convention.*

*This proviso was inserted by *mistake* in the last edition of the Constitution.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

St. Paul's Parish, Baltimore.

Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	-	-	33
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	20
Burials,	-	-	-	-	-	-	36
Communicants,	-	-	-	-	-	-	343

W. E. WYATT, *Rector.**St. Peter's Church, Baltimore.*

Baptisms, adults 2, children 41,	-	-	-	-	-	43
There have been 21 <i>communicants</i> added, but the number who have died, removed from the city, or joined other churches, has overbalanced this—so that the present number is						
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	21
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	31.

State of the Sunday schools, and free school, about the same as last reported.

Amount of contributions to Missions, Scholarship Society, Bible Society, and in aid of weak churches—about \$2,500.

J. P. K. HENSHAW, *Rector.**Christ's Church, Baltimore.*

The Rector of Christ's Church, Baltimore, reports:

Communicants, deducting those who have removed, and adding those received, during the past year,						
Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	-	26
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	9
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	22

Contributions for charitable purposes, - - - - - \$2,500

The building in which this congregation worship sustained serious injury from the tornado which passed over this city a few weeks since. The repairs will cost from \$1500 to \$2000. The voluntary contributions of the parishioners for this purpose already nearly cover the expense which will be incurred; and we hope soon to reoccupy the church, rendered more secure and comfortable by the improvements now in progress.

J. JOHNS.

St. Andrew's Church, Baltimore.

In making his first report to the Convention, the rector has the satisfaction of announcing that a substantial church edifice for the use of this congregation has been commenced, and is now in rapid progress. The erection of this building is rendered necessary, from the fact that we have no church of our own, and are at present renting a place of worship, which we shall soon be obliged to vacate.

As to the spiritual state of the congregation, the rector has nothing encouraging to state. The Rev. H. S. Keppler has recently become uno-

ciated with him in this charge, and their joint labours are extended over this and the colored congregation

Communicants,	-	-	-	-	-	-	52
Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	-	-	14
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	20

A male and female Sunday School are attached to the church, both of which afford some encouragement,—the latter, more particularly, is in good condition.

J. PETERKIN, *Rector.*

St. Thomas Parish, Baltimore County.

Communicants,	-	-	-	-	-	-	15
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Burials,	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Sunday Scholars,	-	-	-	-	-	-	25

Divine service is performed in the church every Sunday. The permanent supporters of the church few in number. The usual congregation very respectable and their number increasing. The cause of Missions aided by a permanent subscription payable annually.

CHAS. C. AUSTIN, *Rector.*

St. John's Parish, Baltimore and Harford Counties.

Communicants,	-	-	-	-	-	-	67
Marriages, white,	-	-	-	-	-	7	9
do. coloured,	-	-	-	-	-	2	
Baptisms, adults,	-	-	-	-	-	1	10
do. infants,	-	-	-	-	-	9	
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	4

JOHN K. KEECH, *Rector.*

St. George's and St. John's Parish, Havre de Grace.

Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Communicants, last reported,	-	-	-	-	-	-	42
added,	-	-	-	-	-	-	11—53
died,	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
removed,	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
present number,	-	-	-	-	-	-	46
Marriages, white,	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	6

R. L. GOLDSBOROUGH.

St. John's Church, Washington City.

Communicants, white,	-	-	-	-	-	112
do. coloured,	-	-	-	-	-	4
Marriages, white,	-	-	-	-	-	19
do. coloured,	-	-	-	-	-	3
Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	-	30
Deaths,	-	-	-	-	-	8

The Sunday School under the charge of Jacob Nollner, Esq. is in a flourishing condition and promises to accomplish much good in morals and religion to the rising generation connected with the church.

WM. HAWLEY, *Rector.*

Christ Church, Washington Parish, Washington City.

Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	-	16
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	16
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	10
Communicants, about	-	-	-	-	-	120
Sunday School Teachers,	-	-	-	-	-	24
" " Scholars,	-	-	-	-	-	173

Since the last report 200 volumes have been purchased for the Sunday School Library.

Amount of funds obtained for the different institutions and societies connected with the church, about \$1000, viz:

To the Colonization Society,	-	-	-	-	\$62
" Domestic Mission,	-	-	-	-	60 50
" Foreign Mission,	-	-	-	-	50 00
" Maryland Mission,	-	-	-	-	30 00

For liquidating the debt of Christ Church, through the exertions of the ladies of the congregation \$729. For the relief of the poor and destitute, about \$100.

HENRY H. BEAN, *Rector.*

Trinity Parish, Washington, District of Columbia.

Baptisms, adults, white,	-	-	-	-	2
" infants, white,	-	-	-	-	13—15
Marriages, white,	-	-	-	-	9
Funerals, white,	-	-	-	-	14
Number of communicants last reported,	-	-	-	-	132
Removed since by death and otherwise,	-	-	-	-	25
Added,	-	-	-	-	37
Present number,	-	-	-	-	144
Sunday School Teachers, male,	-	-	-	-	7
" " " female,	-	-	-	-	12—17
" " Scholars,	-	-	-	-	100

Contributions towards the different institutions connected with the church.

General Theological Seminary,	-	-	-	\$60 00
Domestic Missions,	-	-	-	140 09
Foreign do.	-	-	-	88 16
Maryland Diocesan Mission,	-	-	-	60 00

Of the above, \$30 were the offerings of the Sunday School Teachers and children for the Missionary cause.

Towards enlarging the Sunday School Library, which now includes 600 vols.	\$70 00
Sunday School Union,	33 00
Offerings for the poor received on communion Sundays,	192 11½
Ladies Beneficent Association,	110 54½
Maryland Prayer Book and Homily Society,	26 00
	<hr/> \$773 90½

JOHN OWEN, *Rector.*

Rock Creek Church, D. C.

Former number of communicants about,	65
Since added,	10
Marriages,	4
Baptisms,	8
Burials,	4
	B. M. MILLER, <i>Rector</i>

St. Anne's Parish, Annapolis.

Communicants,	94
Baptisms,	9
Marriages,	6
Funerals,	4
Sunday Scholars,	90
	GEORGE McELHINEY, <i>Rector.</i>

St. Margaret's, Westminster Parish, Anne Arundel County.

Communicants, stricken off,	1
" present number,	12
Baptisms,	12
Funerals,	2
Marriages,	3
Collected for Missionary Society,	\$14 25

P. O. Annapolis, HENRY AISQUITH, *Rector.*

The subscriber has for some months been officiating in the upper part of St. Ann's parish, and has with the consent of the Rector succeeded in forming a separate congregation by the name of the Severn Church. He has administered baptism to 5 children, and performed one marriage.

HENRY AISQUITH.

St. James' Parish, West River, Anne Arundel County.

Baptisms, adults, white,	1	}	17
" infants, white,	10		
" " colored,	6		
Marriages, white,	6	}	8
" colored,	2		

Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Confirmed by Bishop Stone,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Communicants, last reported,	-	-	-	-	72	}		
“ added,	-	-	-	-	3	}		76

Contributions since last report to the institutions of the Church 229 dollars.

Since the last convention there has been an improvement in the state of this parish. The church has been better attended, and though but few have been added to the communion, yet the undersigned has reason to hope that the piety of many has become more established and matured. About one thousand dollars have been raised to put our venerable church in a state of comfortable and complete repair. The work is now being done which will be finished in the course of the ensuing summer.

Post Office, West River, Md.

WM. F. CHESLEY, *Rector.*

St. John's and Christ Churches, Queen Caroline Parish, Anne Arundel County.

Baptisms, adult, white,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
“ infant, white,	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
“ “ colored,	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Confirmed,	-	-	-	-	-	-	13
Communicants, last reported,	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
do. added,	-	-	-	-	-	-	9—39
Marriages, white,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
do. colored,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Funerals, white,	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
do. colored,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2

Amount collected for diocesan Missionary Society \$51.75.

Oakland Mills, A. A. County.

HUGH T. HARRISON.

Queen Ann Parish, Prince George's County, Md.

In the last report of this parish, the Rector communicated to the convention, that he had laid the corner stone of a New Chapel, 40 by 55. It is with peculiar pleasure that he is now able to say, that by the divine blessing, the building has been completed, and will be consecrated to the worship of Almighty God, as soon as the Episcopal chair is filled, recently vacated by the demise of the late amiable and beloved Bishop Stone. It is a plain, neat and commodious christian edifice, with about 400 sittings — The cost was 3000 dollars. The brick church, embraced within the limits of this parish, has been thoroughly repaired with very important alterations, a vestibule has been added to the church, and the ancient and uncomfortable square pews, which we find in all the old churches, have been removed, and new ones of modern convenience and comfort introduced. The expense of alterations were about twelve hundred dollars. The vestry have just contracted to have a substantial enclosure around the Rectory, which is also to be extended to the chapel ground. These are some of the temporal improvements of the parish, which though they do not constitute an infallible criterion of spiritual advancements, yet, as far as they go they are certainly most encouraging circumstances, rendering a Minister's condition more comfortable, and at the same time increasing the facilities, by which his labours may be more blessed to his people. The Rector feels truly humble before God, that he has not been more successful in present-

ing the solemn and awful truths of the gospel before his hearers, and if he knows any thing of his own heart, it is, that he might have a great increase of holy zeal and ministerial fidelity, and that all who hear the gospel under him, might be brought to the enjoyment of eternal salvation. For the few seals which have been added to his Ministry, he would offer his most sincere and grateful thanks to the great head of the church who has graciously promised that his word "*shall not return unto him void.*"

The following parochial services have been performed since the last convention.

Baptisms, adult,	-	-	-	-	-	1
do. infants, white,	-	-	-	-	-	26
do. do. colored,	-	-	-	-	-	88—115
Communicants, last reported,	-	-	-	-	-	84
do. died,	-	-	-	-	-	2
do. removed,	-	-	-	-	-	4
do. added,	-	-	-	-	-	5
do. present number,	-	-	-	-	-	88
Confirmed,	-	-	-	-	-	11
Marriages, white,	-	-	-	-	-	5
do. colored,	-	-	-	-	-	2—7
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	15

A sewing society has recently been organized, to raise funds to assist in the Missionary operations of the church. The following are the sums appropriated towards Missions, after a sermon on Missions, by request of the board of this diocess, 20 dollars was collected to be applied to the Missionary Society of Maryland, 15 dollars towards the South Western Missions, and 100 dollars to a church in Virginia, now in a state of dilapidation about to be resuscitated, which may well come under the name of Missionary ground.

GEO. L. MACKENHEIMER, *Rector.*

Good luck Post Office, May 28, 1838.

Zion Church, Prince George's County, Md.

Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	-	12
Communicants, last reported,	-	-	-	-	-	32
do. added,	-	-	-	-	-	2
do. dropped,	-	-	-	-	-	1
do. withdrawn,	-	-	-	-	-	1—32
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	1

St. Matthew's Church, Prince George's County.

Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	-	35
Communicants, last year,	-	-	-	-	-	50
do. died,	-	-	-	-	-	1
do. removed,	-	-	-	-	-	4
do. added,	-	-	-	-	-	1—46
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	4

During the past year the churches under my charge have contributed for Missionary purposes \$202 50, of which sum \$95 00 have been paid to the Domestic Missionary Society of this diocese, and \$107 50 to the Foreign Missionary Society. I have established a parish library from which I anticipate the most desirable results; and I am happy to find that the effort is properly appreciated, and zealously supported by the people.

WM. PINKNEY.

Broad Creek Parish, Prince George's County, May 25th, 1838.

Baptisms, infants, white,	-	-	-	-	-	3
do. do. colored,	-	-	-	-	-	3—6
Communicants,	-	-	-	-	-	36
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	2

The above report shows the number of communicants at present belonging to the parish, and the services the Rector has performed since April 7th, 1838, when he entered upon his duties. Books have been ordered, and a Sunday School will be organized immediately after the Convention. This parish has been in a very destitute condition for about two years; having been without a Rector, though supplied with the occasional services of the Rev'd. W. P. C. Johnson, of the diocese of Virginia. During this time however, a neat and commodious brick church 28 by 35, has been completed for the convenience of a portion of the parish, too distant to enjoy the services of Broad Creek church. The principal part of the expenses of the building, was defrayed by Thomas Berry, Esq. (whose liberality in the cause of religion is well known in this section of the diocese,) aided by the proceeds of a sale of useful and fancy articles, very kindly furnished by several benevolent ladies of the parish. The Rector officiates alternately in the two churches. The congregations are respectable, and the prospects of an increase are flattering. Efforts are about to be commenced to make some extensive repairs on the old Broad Creek church, and to enclose the burying yard.

On the 24th of July, 1837, the New Church was consecrated to the worship of Almighty God, by our worthy and lamented diocesan, the Right Rev. Wm. M. Stone, by the name of St. Barnabas' church. The Rector looks forward with pleasing hopes to an increase of spirituality and devotion among his people, and prays for the divine blessing upon this portion of the church of Christ.

EDWIN M. VAN DEUSEN, *Rector.*

Near Alexandria, D. C.

Trinity Church, Upper Marlborough, Prince George's County.

Communicants, white,	-	-	-	-	-	68
do. colored,	-	-	-	-	-	25
Baptisms, white, one adult,	-	-	-	-	-	23
do. colored,	-	-	-	-	-	34
Marriages, white,	-	-	-	-	-	6
do. colored,	-	-	-	-	-	6
Funerals, white,	-	-	-	-	-	16
do. colored,	-	-	-	-	-	5
Confirmations, white,	-	-	-	-	-	1
do. colored,	-	-	-	-	-	1

The ladies sewing Society for the benefit of the African Mission, the organization of which was noticed in our last years report, is at present in a more flourishing condition than it has ever been. A deeper and wider interest exists in behalf of Foreign Missions, which we believe to be still increasing. We rejoice to see these Sewing Societies springing up every where in our country parishes, we hail them as bright indications of a better spirit abroad in our church, and as important auxiliaries in maintaining and diffusing active piety. The decrease in the number of our communicants since our last report has been occasioned principally by change of residence.

ALEX. M. MARBURY, *Rector.*

St. Paul's Parish, Prince George's County, Md.

Baptisms, infants, white,	-	-	-	-	-	14
do. colored,	-	-	-	-	-	16
Communicants on the list,	-	-	-	-	-	112
do. suspended,	-	-	-	-	-	1
do. added,	-	-	-	-	-	2
Funerals, adult,	-	-	-	-	-	7
do. infants,	-	-	-	-	-	2

A subscription of between four and five hundred dollars has been raised for repairing the Chapel and also a liberal commencement has been made to one, for the same object at the parish church.

Upper Marlboro.

SAMUEL C. KERR.

Christ Church, St. John's Parish, Prince George's and Charles Counties.

There does not appear to be any material change in the temporal or spiritual condition of this parish. Violators of the Sabbath, wine bibbers, and lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God, appear to be much more numerous than consistent christians. The Lord's blessing is yet hoped for on the Sunday services, schools, and prayer meetings.

Communicants, white,	-	-	-	-	-	35
do. colored,	-	-	-	-	-	9
do. added,	-	-	-	-	-	4
do. died,	-	-	-	-	-	4
do. withdrawn,	-	-	-	-	-	2
Baptisms, white,	-	-	-	-	-	33
do. colored,	-	-	-	-	-	95—128
Marriages, white,	-	-	-	-	-	10
do. colored,	-	-	-	-	-	11—21

SIMON WILMER, *Rector.*

The Rector of Port Tobacco parish, Charles County, would acknowledge with humble gratitude to Almighty God that he is now closing his sixteenth year's residence in this parish, with fewer incidents to mar his comfort, than he could, or had any right to expect. Congregations still large and attentive, responses general, and every knee in each of the three churches still bending before the Lord.

The number of individuals in general attendance at the churches, may be estimated at eight hundred;—not unfrequently a thousand. One tenth of the whole number, communicants. One fifth of our congregations, coloured persons. There is a gradual accession of communicants. But deaths, and removals, prevent us from reporting more than two hundred.

The number of marriages during the last year, few.

The number of deaths much less than usual.

Not less than eight hundred children, white and coloured, have been baptized during the last sixteen years.

Sabbath School instruction not neglected; but subjected to variations.

The number of catechumens numerous, so much so, that our dear people, (whose minds ascend above little things) will all answer the questions of our excellent church catechism, if desired, which is occasionally done.

A thousand catechumens of all ages. O! it has a most thrilling, solemn, happy effect.

Total abstinence from all kinds of intoxicating liquors,—one of heaven's best suggestions to man, steadily kept in view, and unshrinkingly promoted. May we "never want a man to stand before the Lord!"

Something has been done to advance the interests of our dear Redeemer's kingdom. Much, very much still remains to be done. God of mercy carry on thy work! And to thee Son and Spirit, shall be ascribed all the praise.

LEM'L. WILMER, *Rector*
of *Port Tobacco Parish.*

Parsonage, Charles County, May 26th, 1838.

William and Mary Parish, Charles County.

Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	37
Burials,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Communicants,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	46
Confirmed by Bishop Stone in July, 1837,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7

The Sunday School which was organized last year, continues in operation. It has been sustained by a few devoted female teachers, who act under the direction of the Rector, and who have manifested a spirit of self-denial and patient perseverance worthy of the cause in which they are engaged.

Since the last Convention, all the destitute of the parish (as far as their wants could be ascertained by diligent inquiry) have been supplied with the bible.

Many prayer and hymn books have been distributed, and it is expected that in the course of a few weeks the wants of the parish, in this particular, will be fully supplied.

Tracts are distributed once a month, about forty volumes have been added (by purchase) to the parish library.

Within the last two years the dwelling house on the glebe has been greatly improved by alterations and repairs, and several new buildings have been erected. It is now a more convenient and comfortable abode for the Rector than it had been for many years.

J. A. McKENNEY, *Rector.*

Trinity Parish, Charles County, Md.

Baptisms, white,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	37
do. colored,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	49—86
Marriages, white,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
do. colored,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5—8
Burials,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	25
Communicants, died,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
do. added,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
do. present number about,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	98
Confirmed, white,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	22
do. colored,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7—29

In view of the present state of his cure the undersigned thinks he reasonably may feel encouraged.

JAS. D. NICHOLSON.

Post Office at Charlotte Hall, St. Mary's county.

All Saints Parish, Calvert County.

Baptisms, white,	14
do. colored,	18—32
Confirmed,	11
Communicants removed from the parish,	10
do. added,	6
do. present number,	32
Marriages, white,	4
do. colored,	1—5
Funerals,	4

About fourteen hundred dollars (\$1400) have been subscribed for the purpose of building an addition to the house upon the glebe.

Contributions to benevolent objects, \$20.

Huntingtown P. O.

HENRY WILLIAMS, *Rector.*

Christ Church Parish, Calvert County.

The Rector took charge of this parish about the middle of last October. The number of communicants then in the parish were forty, (40)—since added, three (3). Funerals attended by him 12. Children baptized 22, (four whites and eighteen blacks.) There is in this parish a church and a chapel—the latter partially repaired, the former very much out of repair. But a liberal subscription has been raised, for the purpose of repairing the church, and we hope soon to see it completed—and through the praiseworthy zeal of the ladies we also hope soon to see the chapel finished. The attendance upon divine service has been good and still continues to increase. There is also a growing attachment to the formularies of our church—the congregation are attentive, and their Rector would fain hope that his labours are not in vain.

OLCOTT BULKLEY, *Rector*

Post Office, St. Leonards, May 16th, 1838.

Christ Church.

Report of Robert Piggot, Rector of St. Stephen's church, Sassafras Neck, Cecil county, and of Shrewsbury Parish, Kent County.

St. Stephen's Parish.

Communicants,	35
Marriages, white,	4
do. colored,	10—14
Baptisms, white,	6
do. coloured,	5—11
Funeral, child,	1

Shrewsbury having been seven years without a Pastor, was, when the present incumbent took charge in May last, almost completely prostrated. Under the divine blessing, there has been a great interest excited in favour of the church, and the attendance on our services is large and respectable. There is at this time a number of candidates for confirmation. And there are

Communicants,	16
Marriages,	2
Baptisms, adults,	2
do. children,	5—7
Funerals, adults,	3
do. children,	2—5

Chester Parish, Chestertown, Kent County.

Baptisms,	15
Bible class,	10
Funerals,	7
Communicants,—number last reported, 56; added 3, and lost 3 by death and removal, which leaves our number the same.	

CLEMENT F. JONES, *Rector.*

St. Michael's Parish, Talbot County.

Baptisms, white,	4
“ colored,	5
Marriages, coloured,	6
Funerals,	2
Communicants,	26

JOSEPH SPENCER, *Rector.*

Great Choptank Parish, Cambridge.

Communicants,	24
Funerals,	4

As the rector has been settled but a few weeks in this Parish, he reports nothing further, except an increase in the congregation.

Cambridge, May 28th, 1838. WILLIE PECK.

St. Peter's Parish, Talbot County, May, 1838.

The rector of this parish, unable from indisposition, to be present in convention, transmits his report of 19 baptisms, inclusive of two adults. The number of communicants, if reported last year, would have been 59; of these, one has died, and there have been five others added. The marriages, including one among the colored population, have been 6, and the funerals 4. The Sunday school, as confined to the church in Easton, may be pronounced in a good condition; the teachers in number 12, and the scholars on the roll 58, of whom the general attendance is punctual.

The children in both the congregations of this parish have been with some regularity publicly catechised, the rector esteeming the institution of Sunday schools, without such supervision, less beneficial than pernicious.

There is a weekly lecture and a Bible class, to a portion of the exercises of which the whole parish have been made a party.

The charge of the parish was *formally* assumed in the first part of October; and as far as a knowledge of circumstances will enable him to decide, its pastor must rejoice in the favourable prospects presented.

In the course of the ensuing year, it is reasonable to anticipate the enlargement of the present place of worship in Easton, or the erection of a new one.

The people of the parish are warm hearted, and susceptible to the impulses of rational zeal, and the piety of very many among them is fervent, though calm, such as reason sanctions, while it flows warmly from the heart.

HENRY M. MASON.

*Journal of the Convention of Maryland, 1838.**Durham Parish, Charles County.*

Baptisms, white,	-	-	-	-	-	17
do. colored,	-	-	-	-	-	16
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	2
Communicants, added,	-	-	-	-	-	2
do. died,	-	-	-	-	-	1
do. removed,	-	-	-	-	-	4
do. present number,	-	-	-	-	-	76

ROBERT PROUT, *Rector.**Worcester Parish, Worcester County, May, 1838.*

Baptisms, infants, white,	-	-	-	-	11
do. do. colored,	-	-	-	-	3—14
Communicants,	-	-	-	-	43
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	1

The practice of catechizing the children, has been regularly pursued by the Rector, during the spring and winter past; but no Sunday School has yet been formed. It is with pleasure that he mentions the laudable efforts, and the liberal contributions of the younger members of the congregation, made for the purpose of more completely lighting the church. The elder portion of the parishioners have also made a liberal provision for the purchase of a bell. It is agreeable, also, to be able to remark; that the congregation has been gradually but very regularly increasing; and it is the Rector's sincere prayer, that the divine blessing may be shed abundantly upon his efforts, for the promotion of the spiritual prosperity of this portion of the people of his charge.

*Snow Hill, Md.*WARNER HOYT, *Rector.**All Hallows Parish, Worcester County, May, 1838.*

Baptisms, adult,	-	-	-	-	4
do. infant, white,	-	-	-	-	3
do. do. colored,	-	-	-	-	2—9
Communicants, about	-	-	-	-	40
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	1
Bible class members,	-	-	-	-	17

As the old parish register was burned shortly before the resignation of my predecessor, the Rev. Mr. Wiley, there was found no list of the communicants, but upon inquiry the number was made as reported about 40. A Sunday School library, of about 80 vols. has been purchased, embracing a complete set of the works published by the P. E. S. S. Union. The system of catechizing the children has been pursued during the winter and spring, but efforts are now making to establish a Sunday School, which it is believed will be successful.

WARNER HOYT, *Rector.**Snow Hill, Md.**Spring Hill Parish, Somerset County.*

Communicants, about	. . . . .	50
" added,	. . . . .	4—54
Marriages, white 2, coloured 2,	. . . . .	4
Baptisms, " 15, " 7,	. . . . .	22
Funerals,	. . . . .	7

Contributions to the Missionary Society of the diocese, . . . \$17 50

RICHARD HENRY WATERS, *Rector.*

Stepney Parish, Somerset County.

Communicants, about	15
Funerals,	2
Baptisms, white 3, coloured 8,	11

Truskin church, which some years ago was destroyed by fire, has been rebuilt, and will probably be ready for consecration by the first of October next.

RICHARD HENRY WATERS, Rector.

Somerset and Coventry Parishes, Somerset County.

Baptisms,	4
Marriages,	4
Funerals,	3
Communicants, about	70

HENRY CROSDALE, Rector.

King and Queen Parish, St. Mary's County.

Communicants, white,	54
colored,	20—74
Baptisms, white,	13
colored,	15—28
Marriages, white,	7
colored,	10—17
Funerals, white,	15
colored,	13—28
Confirmed in 1837, white,	23
colored,	14—37

By reference to last report, the number of communicants, notwithstanding several removals by death and otherwise, will be found to be considerably increased. Our present prospects are encouraging. The old and venerable parish church, which for many years has been in a state of decay, is about to be thoroughly repaired; and the sum of \$1100, more than two-thirds of the amount required, has been already subscribed for the purpose of accomplishing the work.

Chapico, St. Mary's County.

THOMAS BILLOPP, Rector.

All Saints Parish, Frederick City, Md.

Baptisms, white,	7
colored,	3
Communicants, white, 81; black, 27	108
Funerals,	3

Contributions.

For Sunday School Union of Protestant Episcopal Church,	\$50 00
Do. Library of Theological Seminary, near Alexandria, D.C.	\$50
Do. Education Society of same,	23—73 00
Do. Maryland Colonization Society,	19 00
From a family missionary box of a member,	50 00
Collection in church for F. & D. missions,	28 20

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The rector would remark, that he has been in charge of this parish only four weeks, and that the above report is made from a reference to the records of the parish.

UPTON BEALL, *Rector.*

The Rector of Prince George's and St. Bartholomew's Parishes, Montgomery county, reports,—that no change of importance has taken place in the condition of these parishes since the last convention.

In Prince George's Parish.

Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
Present number of communicants,	-	-	-	-	-	-	70

In St. Bartholomew's Parish.

Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Present number of communicants,	-	-	-	-	-	-	65

L. I. GILLISS, *Rector.*

St. Peter's Parish, Montgomery County.

Baptisms, white,	.	.	.	.	.	.	12
do. coloured,	.	.	.	.	.	.	17—29
Confirmed, white,	.	.	.	.	.	.	11
Marriages, white,	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
do. colored,	.	.	.	.	.	.	7—11
Funerals, white,	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
Communicants, white,	.	.	.	.	.	.	55
Died,	"	.	.	.	.	.	2
Removed,	"	.	.	.	.	.	1
Added,	"	.	.	.	.	.	7

JOSEPH TRAPNELL, *Rector.*

Zion Parish, Frederick County.

Baptisms, white,	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
do. colored,	.	.	.	.	.	.	3—9
Confirmed, white,	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Marriages, white,	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
do. colored,	.	.	.	.	.	.	1—2
Funerals, white,	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Communicants, white,	.	.	.	.	.	.	36

JOSEPH TRAPNELL, *Rector.*

St. Thomas' Church, Hancock, Washington County, May 23d, 1838.

Baptisms, adult, white,	-	-	-	-	7
" infant, white,	-	-	-	-	18
" " colored,	-	-	-	-	5—30
Confirmed, white,	-	-	-	-	2
Communicants, last reported,	-	-	-	-	30
" added,	-	-	-	-	10—40
Marriages, white,	-	-	-	-	10
" colored,	-	-	-	-	2—12
Funerals, white,	-	-	-	-	1
Sunday School Scholars,	-	-	-	-	70
Collection for African Mission,	-	-	-	-	\$50

From the above report it will be seen, that the great head of the church has condescended to bless the labors of his unworthy servant, by making him the humble instrument, in turning some from the error of their ways to the wisdom of the just. Many indeed, have been the discouragements—strong the prejudices—broad and deep the flood of iniquity, against which he has had to contend, in the erection of a house of worship and in gathering around its altar, an humble, prayerful, holy and zealous people—a people, showing by their walk and conversation, that they love the ways of God more than the ways of sin, the world, the flesh and the devil. “But God’s ways are not as our ways.” He will work in the day of his power. His church must and will go ahead—the gates of hell shall not prevail against it—the darkest cloud that has ever hung over it, has only tended to increase the light of the Son of righteousness when he arose. The history of this infant church, adds another proof to the fact, that, all that is needed to plant the standard of our much injured zion—to ensure the blessing of heaven and final success, is prudent perseverance and prayer, exhibiting at all times the gospel in its simplicity and the church in its purity.

JOHN DELAPLANE, *Rector.*

St. Mark's Parish, Maryland Tract, Frederick County.

Baptisms, adult,	-	-	-	-	2
do. infants,	-	-	-	-	11—13
Communicants, last reported,	-	-	-	-	89
do. died,	-	-	-	-	3
do. removed,	-	-	-	-	1
do. added,	-	-	-	-	11—96
Confirmations,	-	-	-	-	14
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	5
Deaths, (three of old age,)	-	-	-	-	6
Sabbath Schools,	-	-	-	-	3
Scholars,	-	-	-	-	150
Candidates for orders,	-	-	-	-	2
Contributions to benevolent objects,	-	-	-	-	\$125

The Rector and vestry thankfully acknowledge the donation of two beautiful marble communion and baptismal tables and fount, from a lady of Christ Church, Baltimore.

R. H. PHILLIPS, *Rector.*

Petersville, May 27th, 1838.

St. John's Parish, Hagerstown.

Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
Confirmations,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
Communicants, colored,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
do. white,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	79
do. added,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8—97
Sunday School Scholars,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	56
do. Teachers,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18

JOHN WILEY, Rector.

St. Paul's Church, Sharpsburg.

This parish has been without regular services for some time, and the present minister has nothing of much interest to report. The communion has been administered once.

Communicants,	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
No baptisms, marriages or funerals.							L. H. JOHNS.

Emmanuel Parish, Cumberland, Allegany County, Md.

Previous to my acceptance of the rectorship of this Parish in May, 1837, the church in Cumberland, owing to various untoward circumstances, was in a very depressed state. Since then, by the blessing of our divine Master, there has been a manifest and heart-cheering improvement. The church, in her distinctive principles, has become better known, and her excellencies more fitly appreciated by the public in general, and especially by those who profess and call themselves members of our communion. Owing to the great advance in the value of town property, the increase of inhabitants, and the consequent rise in house rent, our vestry determined, about nine months since, to build a parsonage; they have accomplished their purpose, and we are now comfortably situated in a well finished house, located within Old Fort Cumberland, where, in the olden time, our beloved Washington pitched his tent. May the associations thence resulting, stimulate us to diligence and zeal in the discharge of every duty.

We have also made some advances towards finishing our church, and that every thing conducive to the establishment, increase and welfare of our communion, is not done, is by no means owing to want of a willing mind: in proof of which, we adduce the fact that about sixteen families, by no means wealthy, have, within the past year—a year of great embarrassment in the pecuniary affairs of our country,—raised and appropriated something more than twelve hundred dollars for religious purposes. In all our labours, we have been cheered and supported by the kind and steady co-operation of the “faithful few,” to whom we minister in holy things. To the ladies of the congregation we are much indebted. They have formed a Sewing Society, the members of which have successfully plied the needle in behalf of the church. With grateful hearts we say “hitherto hath the Lord helped us.” We thank him for the past, and take courage for the future.

In May, 1837, we numbered thirteen communicants.

Since added,	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Removed,	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Present number,	-	-	-	-	-	-	19
On roll of Sunday School,	-	-	-	-	-	-	65
Teachers,	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
Bible classes,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Members,	-	-	-	-	-	-	26
Confirmed in October,	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
Baptized, children,	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
adult,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Funeral,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1

There are other two points in this parish requiring some notice,—Frostburg and Flintstone; the former place is one of considerable interest, and we have hopes of establishing a church the course of the present year. At Flintstone we have a house and lot, but no congregation; the house has for years been in the occupancy of other denominations, who have obtained a decided ascendancy over the people of that neighbourhood, and consequently we have little hope of building up our communion in that place.

M. HARRIS, *Rector*.

St. James' First African Protestant Episcopal Church, Baltimore.

The present Rector has had charge of this congregation for about ten months, during which time he has had much to encourage him—and has been strengthened in his convictions that the class of population of which it is composed has the highest claims upon his sympathies, and affords a field for exertion than which there can be none more important. He found the church in a very feeble state—partly from the deprivation of regular services for some months after the death of the former pastor, the Rev'd. Mr. Levington, but more especially, because “no man cared for the souls” of its members.

Through much effort, and the assistance of the Rectors of St. Peter's and Christ's Church of this city, he has succeeded in paying off more than \$200 of the debts under which the congregation has long been languishing, and he trusts that by the divine blessing, should he be privileged to make another report, he will be enabled to state that the remainder, of about \$350, has been entirely liquidated. The Rector could say much in reference to this subject, but fears that he might not speak or write with sufficient composure—yet he may surely express his surprise and regret, that this congregation has been so long allowed to struggle, unaided, for existence, when if properly sustained by the Episcopalians of the diocese, its good influence might extend to one-fourth of the entire population of this great city.

Present number of communicants,	-	-	-	-	-	-	27
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2

The Sunday School is in an interesting condition, and affords much encouragement.

J. PETERKIN, *Rector*.

All Hallows Parish, Anne Arundel County, May 30th, 1838.

Baptisms, adults, white,	-	-	0	}	12
" infants, white,	-	-	4		
" " colored,	-	-	8		
Confirmations, white,	-	-	-	-	2
Communicants, as last reported,	-	-	-	-	28
Marriages, white,	-	-	-	-	1
do. colored,	-	-	-	-	2-3
Funerals, white,	-	-	-	-	4
Diocesan Missionary Society, one collection,	-	-	-	-	\$7 00

Although no very great changes have taken place, yet the hope is still indulged, that the parish may safely be considered as improving. During the past year the system of monthly collections has been established, and it is expected will yield, in the course of another, a considerable revenue in aid of our Diocesan Missionary Society. But one collection has as yet been taken up, however, as the report above shows, a circumstance owing to the infant state of the institution, which it is fondly hoped will soon begin to be useful. The parishioners are now engaged also in the erection of a parsonage house, which it is said will be completed in the course of a few months, and afford their rector a comfortable dwelling. This is all which it is deemed necessary to remark at the present time, in a general way.

ROBERT W. GOLDSBOROUGH,
near Davidsonville.

St. Paul's Parish, Queen Ann County.

Baptisms, infants, white,	-	-	-	-	3
do. " colored,	-	-	-	-	8-11
Communicants, last reported,	-	-	-	-	23
Present number,	-	-	-	-	25
Marriages, white,	-	-	-	-	3
do. colored,	-	-	-	-	7-10
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	8

In reporting the state of the parish, the rector feels that he has much cause of gratitude to the Great Head of the church, for the degree of prosperity enjoyed during the past year. The parishioners, he is happy to say, are actuated by a delightful spirit of kindness and liberality, which has manifested itself in a subscription sufficiently large for the erection of a church at Queenstown, in the lower part of the parish, which it is hoped will be completed this season; and in contributing about 800 dollars towards the purchase of a parsonage directly opposite the church in Centreville, which for convenience of location, is more desirable than any other property which could have been obtained in the village. It is believed that the spiritual interests of the Parish, as well as the temporal, are steadily advancing.

J. PALMER ROBINSON, *Rector.*

Parsonage, May 30, 1838.

St. Andrew's Parish, St. Mary's County.

Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
Communicants,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	58

The congregation of this parish is larger than it was at my last report, and its spiritual condition at present is, it is hoped, as promising and entire as it ever has been.

JOHN CLAXTON, *Rector.*

All Faith Parish, St. Mary's County.

Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	-	-	33
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	20
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Communicants,	-	-	-	-	-	-	50

Since my last report, the church has been put in such thorough and handsome repair, as to render it one of the neatest and most comfortable buildings in the diocese. The congregations are large and attentive, the vestry active in the discharge of its duty, and the aspect of things in general, more encouraging and hopeful, than at any former period of my ministry in the parish.

JOHN CLAXTON, *Rector.*

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That this Convention entertain a grateful sense of the kindness and hospitality of the citizens of Centreville and the neighbourhood; and that this expression of their feelings be placed upon the Journal.

Resolved, That the sum of fifty dollars be paid to the Secretary for his services, during the present session of the Convention.

Resolved, That ten dollars be paid to the Sexton of St. Paul's Church, Centreville, for services on this occasion.

No further business being presented to the notice of the Convention, the session was closed with prayer and benediction, by the President, when the house adjourned sine die.

JOHN JOHNS, D. D., *President.*

RICHARD M. HALL, *Secretary.*

Parishes & Churches.	Where situated.	Ministers.	Baptisms.		Confirmed.	Communicants.			Marriages.	Funerals.	S. Schools.		Attending Bible Class.	Week day Schools, Scholars.	Collections for benevolent purposes.
			Adults.	Infants.		Added.	Present number.	Dead and removed.			Teachers.	Scholars.			
St. Paul's Parish,	Baltimore,	W. E. Wyatt, D. D.	2	36			343	36	20	36	56	490		120	\$ 2,500 00
St. Peter's Church,	do	J. P. K. Henshaw, D. D.		41			380		21	31					\$ 2,500 00
Christ do	do	John Johns, D. D.		26			246		22	9					
St. Andrew's do	do	Joshua Peterkin,		14			52		2	20					
St. James' do	Baltimore county,	Alfred Holmead, *					15		2	4		36			
St. Thomas' do	do	Charles C. Austin,					67		9	4					
Sherwood Chapel,	do	Ira A. Easter, *													
St. John's Parish,	Balt. & Harford counties,	John R. Keech,	1	9											
St. George's & St. John's Parishes,	Harford county,	R. L. Goldsborough,		24		7	40		6	6					
St. John's Church,	Washington City, D. C.	William Hawley,		30			116		22	8					1,000 00
Christ do	do	Henry H. Bean,		16			120		16	10	24	173			774 00
Trinity do	do	John Owen, *	3	13		26	144		9	14	19	109			
Christ Creek Parish,	Georgetown, D. C.	Benjamin M. Miller,		8		10	75		4	4					14 25
Rock Ann's do	District of Columbia,	George McElhiney,		9			94		6	4					239 00
St. Margaret's church,	Annapolis,	Henry Anquith,		12		1	12		5	2					7 00
St. James' Parish,	do	William F. Chesley,	1	18	4		75		5	2					
St. Hallows' do	do	R. W. Goldsborough,		12	2		28		3	4					
All John's & Christ Churches, Queen Caroline Parish,	do	Hugh T. Harrison,	1	16	15		39		3	10					51 75
Queen Ann's do	do	Geo. L. Mackenheimer,	1	114	11		83		7	15					135 00
Queen and St. Mat- thew's Churches,	do	William Pinkney,		12		6	32		1	2					202 50
St. Paul's Parish,	do			26		6	46		4						
St. Nottingham,	do														
St. Paul's Parish,	do	Samuel C. Kerr,		20		1	113		2	9					
Upper Marlboro' do	do	Edwin M. Van Deusen,		6			80			2					
Good Creek Parish,	do	Alexander M. Marbury,	1	56	2		86		12	21					
Trinity Church,	do														
Upper Marlboro' do	do														
Christ Church, St. John's Parish,	Prince George's and } Charles counties.	Simon Wilmer,		129		6	42		21						
Trinity Parish.	Charles county.	James D. Nicholson,		64	29	1	80		6	24					

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LIST OF THE CLERGY
OF THE
DIOCESE OF MARYLAND,
June 1, 1838.

The Clergymen to whose names an asterisk (*) is prefixed, did not attend the meetings of the Convention.

***Rev. Walter D. Addison.**

Rev. Henry Aisquith, Rector of St. Margaret's church, Westminster parish, near Annapolis, Anne Arundel county.

Rev. Charles C. Austin, Rector of St. Thomas' parish, Baltimore county.

Rev. Thomas Bayne, Rector of Dorchester parish, Dorchester county.

Rev. Henry H. Bean, Rector of Christ's church, Washington city.

Rev. Thomas Billopp, Rector of King and Queen parish, St. Mary's county.

Rev. Olcott Bulkley, Rector of Christ Church parish, Calvert county.

Rev. Upton Beall, Rector of All Saints' parish, Frederick county.

Rev. William Bryant, assistant Minister of Christ's church, Baltimore.

Rev. William F. Chesley, Rector of St. James' parish, West River, Anne Arundel county.

Rev. John Claxton, Rector of St. Andrew's and All Faith parishes, St. Mary's county.

Rev. Henry Crosdale, Rector of Somerset and Coventry parishes, Somerset county.

Rev. John Delaplane, Rector of St. Thomas' church, Hancock, Washington county.

***Rev. William Duke, residing at Elkton, Cecil county.**

Rev. Ira A. Easter, Rector of Sherwood chapel, Baltimore county.

***Rev. John Forman, residing in Poplar Town, Worcester county.**

Rev. Levin I. Gilliss, Rector of Prince George's and St. Bartholomew's parishes, Montgomery county.

- Rev. Robert W. Goldsborough, Rector of All Hallows' parish, Anne Arundel county.
- Rev. Robert Lloyd Goldsborough, Rector of St. George's and St. John's parishes, Havre de Grace, Harford county.
- *Rev. Henry B. Goodwin, Charles county.
- Rev. J. P. K. Henshaw, D. D., Rector of St. Peter's church, Baltimore.
- Rev. William Hawley, Rector of St. John's church, Washington city.
- Rev. F. R. Hanson.
- Rev. Matthias Harris, Rector of Emmanuel parish, Cumberland, Allegany county.
- Rev. Hugh T. Harrison, Rector of St. John's and Christ churches, Queen Caroline parish, Oakland Mills, Anne Arundel county.
- Rev. Alfred Holmead, Rector of St. James' parish, Baltimore county.
- *Rev. Hector Humphreys, D. D., Principal of St. John's College, Annapolis.
- Rev. Orlando Hutton, Assistant Minister of St. Paul's church, Baltimore.
- Rev. Warner Hoyt, Rector of All Hallows' and Worcester parishes, Worcester county.
- Rev. Daniel Higbee.
- Rev. John Johns, Rector of Christ's church, Baltimore.
- Rev. Leonard H. Johns, St. Paul's church, Sharpsburg, Washington county.
- Rev. Clement F. Jones, Rector of Chester parish, Chestertown, Kent county.
- *Rev. Norris M. Jones, residing in St. Mary's county.
- Rev. John R. Keech, Rector of St. John's parish, Baltimore and Harford counties, residing at Belle Air, Harford county.
- Rev. Henry S. Keppler, Assistant Minister of St. Andrew's church, Baltimore.
- Rev. Samuel C. Kerr, Rector of St. Paul's parish, Prince George's county.
- Rev. George McElhiney, Rector of St. Ann's parish, Annapolis.
- Rev. George L. Mackenheimer, Rector of Queen Ann parish, Prince George's county.
- *Rev. Henry M. Mason, Rector of St. Peter's parish, Talbot county.
- Rev. James A. McKenney, Rector of William and Mary parish, Charles county.
- Rev. Alexander M. Marbury, Rector of Trinity church, Upper Marlborough, Prince George's county.

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- Rev. Benjamin M. Miller, Rock Creek church, D. of Columbia.
Rev. Andrew T. McCormick, residing in Washington city, D. C.
Rev. R. Mitchell, Rector of William and Mary parish, St. Mary's county.
Rev. James D. Nicholson, Rector of Trinity parish, Charles county.
Rev. John Owen, Rector of Trinity church, Washington city.
Rev. William Pinkney, Rector of Zion and St. Matthew's churches, Bladensburg, Prince George's county.
Rev. Robert Prout, Rector of Durham parish, Charles county.
Rev. Richard H. Phillips, Rector of St. Mark's parish, Frederick county.
Rev. Robert Piggot, Rector of St. Stephen's parish, Cecil county, and Shrewsbury parish, Kent county.
Rev. Joshua Peterkin, Rector of St. Andrew's church, and St. James' First African church, Baltimore.
Rev. Willie Peck, Rector of Great Choptank parish, Cambridge, Dorchester county.
Rev. J. J. Robertson, D. D., Missionary to Greece.
Rev. John P. Robins, Assistant Minister of All Hallows' parish, Worcester county.
Rev. John P. Robinson, Rector of St. Paul's parish, Queen Ann county.
Purnell F. Smith, residing at Georgetown, Kent county.
Rev. Joseph Spencer, D. D., Rector of St. Michael's parish, Talbot county.
Rev. Philip Slaughter.
*Rev. Joseph Trapnell, Rector of St. Peter's parish, Montgomery county, and Zion parish, Frederick county.
*Rev. Fitch W. Taylor.
Rev. Edwin M. Van Deusen, Rector of Broad Creek parish, Prince George's county.
Rev. John Wiley, Rector of St. John's church, Hagerstown.
Rev. William E. Wyatt, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's parish, Baltimore.
*Rev. Ralph Williston.
Rev. Lemuel Wilmer, Rector of Port Tobacco parish, Charles county.
*Rev. Simon Wilmer, Rector of Christ's church, Prince George's and Charles counties.
Rev. Henry Williams, Rector of All Saints' parish, Calvert county.
Rev. Richard Henry Waters, Rector of Spring Hill and Stepney parishes, Somerset county.

LIST OF THE LAY DELEGATES,

*Who attended the Convention, and of the Parishes and Churches
which they represented.*

- Hon. Nicholas Brice, }
Mr. Samuel I. Donaldson, } St. Paul's church, Baltimore.
Hon. Richard B. Magruder, St. Peter's do do
Mr. James Howard, }
Mr. Franklin Anderson, } Christ's do do
Mr. Richard M. I'Anson, }
Mr. Frederick H. Knapp, } St. Andrew's do do
Mr. James L. Edwards, St. John's church, Washington city.
Mr. Charles H. Wiltberger, Christ do do do
Mr. Francis S. Key, Trinity parish, do do
Mr. Erasmus J. Middleton, Rock Creek church, Washington
county, D. C.
Hon. James S. Morsell, Christ Church parish, Georgetown, D.C.
Mr. Thomas S. Alexander, St. Ann's parish, Annapolis.
Mr. Joseph N. Stockett, All Hallows' parish, Anne Arundel
county.
Mr. James Owens, Jr. St. James' parish, Anne Arundel county.
Mr. William Pumphrey, St. Margaret's, Westminster parish,
Anne Arundel county.
Mr. Joshua Hutchins, St. James' parish, Baltimore county.
Mr. Edward A. Howard, St. John's parish, Baltimore and Har-
ford counties.
Mr. Aquila P. Moores, Christ church, Harford county.
Mr. John W. Stump, St. John's church, Havre de Grace, Har-
ford county.
Mr. Nathan Dickerson, Prince George's parish, Montgomery
county.
Mr. John C. Gott, St. Peter's parish, Montgomery county.
Mr. Richard Potts, All Saints' parish, Frederick county.
Mr. Charles Johnson, Zion parish, do do
Mr. Thomas John Clagett, St. Mark's parish, Frederick county.
Dr. Frederiek Dorsey, St. John's parish, Washington county.
Mr. Jacob Shlageal, St. Thomas' church, Hancock, Washing-
ton county.
Mr. Thomas Shriver, Emmanuel parish, Allegany county.
Mr. Robert Bowie, Queen Ann's parish, Prince George's county.
Mr. John E. Berry, St. Matthew's church, do do
Mr. Robert Ghiselin, St. Paul's parish, do do

- Mr. Thomas J. Marshall, St. John's parish, Prince George's Co.
 Mr. Washington Duvall, Zion church, do do
 Mr. Henry A. Callis, Broad Creek parish, do do
 Mr. Horatio C. Scott, Trinity church, Upper Marlborough,
 Prince George's county.
 Mr. James S. Morsell, Jr., Christ's Church parish, Calvert
 county.
 Mr. John Somervell, All Saints' parish, Calvert county.
 Mr. Thomas O. Bean, Trinity parish, Charles county.
 Mr. John G. Chapman, Port Tobacco parish, Charles county.
 Dr. Bennett Dyson, Durham parish, do do
 Hon. James Thomas, King and Queen parish, St. Mary's county.
 Mr. William B. Scott, St. Andrew's parish, St. Mary's county.
 Mr. William U. Purnell, Worcester parish, Worcester county.
 Mr. John E. Hayward, All Hallows' do do do
 Dr. James Stewart, Somerset parish, Somerset county.
 Dr. Littleton D. Handy, Coventry parish, Somerset county.
 Gen. Tench Tilghman, St. Peter's parish, Talbot county.
 Mr. Samuel Hambleton, St. Michael's parish, Talbot county.
 Mr. Enoch Bayley, Dorchester parish, Dorchester county.
 Mr. William W. Laird, Great Choptank parish, Dorchester
 county.
 Mr. Alexander W. Thompson, Christ Church parish, Kent
 Island.
 Hon. Ezekiel F. Chambers, Chester parish, Kent county.
 Mr. Edward Boyer, Shrewsbury parish, do do
 Gov. Thomas W. Veazey, St. Stephen's parish, Cecil county.
 Gen. James Sewall, Trinity church, do do
 Mr. William A. Spencer, St. Paul's parish, Queen Ann county.
 Mr. Joseph F. Shaw.

NUMBER OF CLERGYMEN IN THE DIOCESE.

At the last Convention, (1837)	67
Added,	9—76
Removed to other Dioceses,	4
Died,	3— 7
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Present number,	69
Attended the Convention,	53
Absent,	16—69
<i>Total number of Clergy and Laity who attended the Convention.</i>	
Clergy,	53
Laity,	57—110

FORM OF A PAROCHIAL REPORT.

——— *Parish*, ——— *County*, *May*, 18—

Baptisms,	Adults, white —, colored —,= —	}	. . . —
“	Infants, do —, do —,=—		
Confirmed,	. . . white,—, colored—,		—
Communicants, last reported,—, added —,	. . . —	}	—
“	died —, removed —, withdrawn —, suspended —		
Marriages,	. . . white, —, colored—,		—
Funerals,	. . . do —, do —,		—
Sunday schools, male teachers —, scholars —,		}	Teachers, —
“ “ female do —, “ —,			Scholars, —
Bible Classes, male members—, female members —,			—
Weekday schools, number of scholars,	. . . . .		—

Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the church.

Remarks by the Rector.

Place of residence particularly designated.

——— ———, *Rector*.

The next annual Convention will be held in Baltimore, on the
last Wednesday of May, 1839.





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OF A

SPECIAL CONVENTION

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

OF

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SPECIAL CONVENTION.

BALTIMORE, *Thursday, August 2, 1838.*

This being the time and place appointed for the meeting of the Special Convention, called by the President of the Convention, at the request of the Standing Committee of this Diocese, a large number of the Clergy and Lay-delegates assembled in St. Paul's Church, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

The morning prayer was read by the Rev. Clement F. Jones.

A sermon in behalf of the Prayer Book and Homily Society of Maryland, was preached by the Rev. William Pinkney.

The holy communion was administered by the Rev. Dr. Johns and Rev. Dr. Wyatt.

The names of the clergy entitled to seats at the last convention, were called over by the Secretary, the following answered to their names.

Rev. Charles C. Austin,	Rev. R. Lloyd Goldsborough,
“ Henry Aisquith,	“ Matthias Harris,
“ Walter D. Addison,	“ Hugh T. Harrison,
“ Henry H. Bean,	“ William Hawley,
“ Thomas Billopp,	“ J. P. K. Henshaw, D. D.
“ William Bryant,	“ Warner Hoyt,
“ Upton Beall,	“ Alfred Holmead,
“ Thomas Bayne,	“ Orlando Hutton,
“ William F. Chesley,	“ John Johns, D. D.
“ Henry Crosdale,	“ Leonard H. Johns,
“ John Delaplane,	“ Clement F. Jones,
“ Ira A. Easter,	“ John R. Keech,
“ Levin I. Gilliss,	“ Samuel C. Kerr,
“ George McElhiney,	“ John P. Robinson,
“ Geo. L. Mackenheimer,	“ Joseph Spencer,
“ R. Mitchell,	“ Philip Slaughter,

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Mr. Alexander M. Marbury,	Mr. Joseph Trapnell,
“ James A. McKenney,	“ Edwin M. Van Deusen,
“ Benjamin M. Miller,	“ William E. Wyatt, D. D.
“ John Owen,	“ John Wiley,
“ William Pinkney,	“ Lemuel Wilmer,
“ Robert Piggot,	“ Henry Williams,
“ Joshua Peterkin,	“ Simon Wilmer,
“ John L. Robins,	“ Richard H. Waters,

To which names, add the Rev. Olcott Bulkley, reported by the committee on the rights of clergymen as entitled to his seat, and the whole number of clergy attending the convention is forty-nine.

It was on motion, *Resolved*, that the lay delegates who were entitled to seats at the late convention held in Centreville, be considered as members of this present convention. The names being called, thirty-five of the delegates were found to be present, and took their seats, namely:—

Doctor Frederick H. Knapp,	Gov. Thomas W. Veazey,
Hon. James S. Morsell,	Hon. E. F. Chambers,
Hon. Nicholas Brice,	Dr. Littleton D. Handy,
Hon. R. B. Magruder,	Mr. Robert Bowie,
Mr. Henry A. Callis,	“ Richard M. I’Anson,
“ Samuel I. Donaldson,	“ Aquila P. Moores,
“ Horatio C. Scott,	“ C. H. Wiltberger,
“ Edward A. Howard,	“ Enoch Bayley,
“ Franklin Anderson,	“ Nathan Dickerson,
“ James Howard,	“ Samuel Hambleton,
“ Thomas John Clagett,	Doctor Frederick Dorsey,
“ Robert Ghiselin,	Mr. James Stewart,
“ Thomas J. Marshall,	“ Washington Duvall,
“ John Somervell,	“ John C. Gott,
“ John W. Stump,	Gen. James Sewall,
“ Edward Boyer,	Mr. Thomas Shriver,
“ Joseph N. Stockett,	Hon. John G. Chapman,
	Mr. Joshua Hutchins,—\$5.

The following gentlemen then presented their certificates of appointment as lay delegates, signed the declaration required by the constitution, and took their seats as members.

Dr. J. D. Readell,	Hon. Brice J. Goldsborough,
Mr. R. B. Carmichael,	Hon. John Leeds Kerr,
“ Edward P. Philpott,	Mr. Charles Hammond,
“ Jehu Parsons,	“ George F. Worthington,
Doctor Thomas W. Stone,	“ John A. Smith,
Mr. Samuel R. Gaither,	“ Josias Hawkins,
Dr. Hanson Penn,	Dr. Allen Thomas,

Mr. Rowland Ellis,
Hon. Thomas B. Dorsey,
Mr. James Piper,
“ John H. Simmons,
“ Worthington Johnson,
“ Morris Shanks,
“ J. Merritt Miller,

Mr. Samuel J. Briscoe,
“ William G. Ridgely,
“ Joseph Graves,
“ George H. Perryman,
“ Robert Davis,
“ Jonathan Prout,

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It was on motion, *Resolved*, that the committee on the rights of clergymen to seats, and the committee on elections of lay delegates, appointed at the late convention, be continued. A vacancy in the last named committee occasioned by the absence of Francis S. Key, Esq. was filled by the chair appointing the Hon. John G. Chapman.

The President of the Convention addressed the House as follows :

Address of the President.

BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND LAITY,

Preparatory to entering upon the important business with a view to which we are now convened, it may be proper for me to state very briefly, the considerations which have led to this call of the convention. The committee appointed at the close of the meeting at Centreville, to communicate to the Rev'd. Dr. Eastburn the fact of his election as Bishop of this Diocese, and to urge his acceptance, immediately on their return to Baltimore addressed to him a letter to that effect, and cherished the hope, that from the peculiar circumstances of the case and the earnestness with which they felt authorised to press it, they would soon be privileged to announce to the diocese that their wishes were acceded to. In about eight days, however, from the date of their communication, Dr. Eastburn's reply was received ; decidedly, but very respectfully, declining the appointment.

Under these circumstances it was, on conference determined that it would be expedient to convene the Standing Committee to obtain an expression of their views as to the cause most desirable to be pursued. When the members of that body assembled, they were found to be unanimous, as to the propriety of calling a special meeting of the convention at as early a period as practicable, that in the event of the election of a Bishop, arrangements might be made for his consecration, at the General Convention to be held in Philadelphia in the month of September next. In compliance with this opinion of the Standing Committee, and in conformity with the provision of the constitution, I immediately placed in the hands of the Secretary, to be forwarded to the several clergy and vestries of the diocese, the circular, in virtue of which we are now convened.

pointment, were entitled to seats ; with the exception of Doctor Hanson Penn, whose case was submitted to the convention accompanied by a written communication from Doctor John E. Berry, contesting the right of Dr. Penn to a seat, and claiming this right for himself. After some explanation by the rector of St. Matthew's church, a resolution was offered as follows :

“Resolved, that Dr. Hanson Penn is entitled to a seat in this convention as the lay delegate from St. Matthew's Church, Prince George's county.” The foregoing report and resolution were adopted.

Adjourned to meet at 5 o'clock this afternoon.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The following resolution was offered, and being seconded, was adopted.

Resolved, That in case any member elected by the convention, as a delegate to the General Convention, shall be unable to attend, the remaining members of the delegation shall be authorised to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation or failure to attend, of such member.

It was moved and seconded, that the convention now proceed to the election of a Bishop for this diocese. The question on this motion was decided by ayes and noes, as follows :

AYES.

Rev. C. C. Austin,
 “ Walter D. Addison,
 “ Henry H. Bean,
 “ William Bryant,
 “ Upon Beall,
 “ Olcott Bulkley,
 “ William F. Chesley,
 “ John Delaplane,
 “ Ira A. Easter,
 “ Matthias Harris,
 “ Hugh T. Harrison,
 “ John R. Keech,
 “ George L. Mackenheimer,
 “ Alexander M. Marbury,
 “ Benjamin M. Miller.

Rev. Robert Piggot,
 “ Joshua Peterkin,
 “ John P. Robins,
 “ John P. Robinson,
 “ Philip Slaughter,
 “ William Hawley,
 “ J. P. K. Henshaw, D. D.
 “ Alfred Holmead,
 “ Leonard H. Johns,
 “ Clement F. Jones,
 “ Joseph Trapnell,
 “ Lemuel Wilmer,
 “ Henry Williams,
 “ Simon Wilmer.

Clergy, 29.

Mr. Samuel R. Gaither,
 “ Richard B. Carmichael,
 “ Jonathan Prout,
 “ Worthington Johnson,
 “ John H. Simmons,
 “ James Piper,
 “ R. B. Magruder,
 “ Franklin Anderson,
 “ Thomas J. Marshall,
 “ Robert Bowie,
 “ C. H. Wiltberger,
 “ Washington Duvall,
 “ John Somervell,
 “ John G. Chapman,

Mr. Thomas B. Dorsey,
 “ William G. Ridgely,
 “ Joseph Graves,
 “ John A. Smith,
 “ Frederick H. Knapp,
 “ James S. Morsell,
 “ Horatio C. Scott,
 “ James Howard,
 “ Joshua Hutchins,
 “ Richard M. I'Anson,
 “ Nathan Dickerson,
 “ John C. Gott,
 “ Thomas Shriver.

Laity 27—Total, ayes 56.

NOES.

Rev. Henry Aisquith,
 " Thomas Billopp,
 " Thomas Bayne,
 " Henry Crosdale,
 " Levin I. Gilliss,
 " R. L. Goldsborough,
 " Warner Hoyt,
 " Orlando Hutton,
 " Samuel C. Kerr,
 " George M'Elhiney,

Rev. R. Mitchell,
 " James A. M'Kenney,
 " John Owen,
 " William Pinkney,
 " Joseph Spencer,
 " E. M. Van Deusen,
 " W. E. Wyatt,
 " John Wiley,
 " R. H. Waters.

Clergy, 19.

Mr. John Leeds Kerr,
 " Brice J. Goldsborough,
 " Charles Hammond,
 " Thomas W. Stone,
 " Jehu Parsons,
 " Allen Thomas,
 " Joseph N. Stockett,
 " Fredk. Dorsey,
 " E. F. Chambers,
 " James Stewart,
 " Edward P. Philpott,
 " John D. Readell,
 " Nicholas Brice,
 " Littleton D. Handy,
 " Thomas W. Veazey,
 " John W. Stump,

Mr. George F. Worthington,
 " George H. Perryman,
 " Samuel I. Donaldson,
 " Edward A. Howard,
 " Robert Ghiselin,
 " Enoch Bayley,
 " Morris Shanks,
 " Robert Davis,
 " Samuel J. Briscoe,
 " Rowland Ellis,
 " Josias Hawkins,
 " Henry A. Callis,
 " Thomas John Clagett,
 " Samuel Hambleton,
 " James Sewall,
 " Edward Boyer,

Laity 32.—Total 51.

The House spent a few moments in silent prayer, and then went into the election.

The Rev. Doctor Johns and the Rev. Doctor Wyatt were nominated.

The Rev. Mr. Hawley, and the Rev. Mr. McElhiney were appointed tellers.

The Rev. Doct. Henshaw in the chair.

1st ballot.—Rev. Doct. Johns,	-	-	-	26
" " Wyatt,	-	-	-	21
2d ballot.—Rev. Doct. Johns,	-	-	-	27
" " Wyatt,	-	-	-	20
3d ballot.—Rev. Doct. Johns,	-	-	-	25
" " Wyatt,	-	-	-	21
4th ballot.—Rev. Doct. Johns,	-	-	-	27
" " Wyatt,	-	-	-	20
5th ballot.—Rev. Doct. Johns,	-	-	-	25
" " Wyatt,	-	-	-	21
Blank,	-	-	-	1
6th ballot.—Rev. Doct. Johns,	-	-	-	27
" " Wyatt,	-	-	-	20

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7th ballot.—Rev. Doct. Johns, - - - 23
 “ “ Wyatt, - - - 23
 Blank, - - - 1

8th ballot.—Rev. Doct. Johns, - - - 27
 “ “ Wyatt, - - - 20

9th ballot.—Rev. Doct. Johns, - - - 26
 “ “ Wyatt, - - - 21

The above result was announced by the tellers.

An adjournment until 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning, was moved and carried.

FRIDAY, *August 3d*, 1838.

The convention met at 9 o'clock, this morning, to which hour it stood adjourned.

Prayers were read by the Rev. Lemuel Wilmer.

The names of the members were called over, and the minutes of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Mr. Jacob Nollner presented his testimonials as lay delegate from St. John's parish, Washington City; his certificate was referred to the committee on elections, who reported it to be correct; the report was approved by the house, and after signing the declaration, Mr. Nollner took his seat as a member of the convention.

It was moved and seconded, that the house now divide for the purpose of going into an election for Bishop of this diocess. The clergy took the right and the laity the left of the chair; after a few moments spent in silent prayer, the Rev. Dr. Wyatt and the Rev. Dr. Henshaw were severally nominated and balloted for by the clergy; the result of this 10th ballot was reported by the tellers to be, for

Rev. Dr. Henshaw, - - - 25
 “ “ Wyatt, - - - 21
 Blank, - - - 1

At half past eleven o'clock, it was moved and seconded that the house do now adjourn for twenty minutes and carried.

After the recess, the Rev. Mr. McElhiney moved that a committee of conference be appointed, to consist of four members of each order, who shall confer together for the purpose of devising some plan by which the object may be attained for which the convention is now called together, and to present to the convention a suitable candidate for the office of Bishop. The above motion being seconded an amendment was offered, that ~~no~~ clergyman out of the diocess shall be nominated. This

amendment was lost. The resolution was carried. The committee appointed were the Rev. Levin I. Gillis, Rev. James A. McKenney, Rev. William Hawley and Rev. W. F. Chesley, of the clergy, and judge Chambers, judge Magruder, S. I. Donaldson and Franklin Anderson, Esqrs. of the laity.

Adjourned until one o'clock.

At the hour appointed the convention was called to order. The committee of conference not having reported, a messenger was sent by order of the house to enquire at what time the committee would be ready to report. The answer returned was at 2 o'clock.

William and Mary parish, Charles county, by their lay delegate, paid the sum of twenty-four dollars for arrearages due to the convention fund for 1835, 1836, 1837 and 1838, and forty dollars due to the Bishop's fund for the same time; condition, that the last mentioned sum be paid to the legal representatives of the late Bishop Stone. The treasurer of the convention was ordered to pay the said sum of forty dollars, and it was forthwith paid to the executor of the late bishop.

The following resolution to alter the 5th article of the constitution was offered by Jas. Howard, Esq., and seconded:

Resolved, that it be made known to the several vestries that it is proposed to amend the fifth article of the constitution of the church in this diocese by striking out the words "two thirds" wherever the same occur in said article and substituting therefor the words "a majority."

This resolution was laid on the table.

The report of the missionary society of this diocese was read and will be found in the appendix.

The committee of conference made their report as follows:—

The committee appointed by the convention as a committee of conference to present to their consideration, some proposition connected with the truly important subject which has called the convention together at this time, and which it was hoped might be acceptable to all:—respectfully report that they have had the subject under their most serious consideration, and after a full, free, and friendly interchange of views and feelings, lament to say, that they find it utterly impossible to unite in recommending the name of any individual either in or out of the diocese to fill the high and important office of Bishop of Maryland.

L. I. GILLISS, *Chairman.*

A motion was made by the Rev. Simon Wilmer and seconded, to alter the 5th article of the constitution, so as to read, *either order* shall nominate and appoint by ballot, &c. Laid on the table.

The following resolutions were moved by the Hon. Thomas B. Dorsey and seconded :

1st. *Resolved*, that it is the duty of this convention in christian harmony and fellowship, cordially to unite in efforts of conciliation and compromise to effect an election of Bishop of this diocese at the present meeting of the convention.

2d. *Resolved*, that the vital interests of the P. E. church of this state and the united voice of its members imperatively enjoin the making of such election before the convention terminates its present session.

3d. *Resolved*, that the Rev. clergy of this convention be respectfully entreated in the name of the vital interests of the Protestant Episcopal Faith, to unite with the laity in a joint ballot for the nominee to fill the present vacancy, and that they entertain and consider the nomination of a diocesan accordingly.

The first and second of these resolutions were carried unanimously ;—the third resolution was carried by ayes and noes as follows :

AYES.

Rev. Charles C. Austin,
 " Henry Aisquith,
 " Walter D. Addison,
 " Thomas Billopp,
 " Thomas Bayne,
 " Henry Crosdale,
 " Levin I. Gilliss,
 " R. L. Goldsborough,
 " Matthias Harris,
 " Hugh T. Harrison,
 " Warner Hoyt,
 " Orlando Hutton,

Mr. John Leeds Kerr,
 " Brice J. Goldsborough,
 " Charles Hammond,
 " Thomas W. Stone,
 " Edward P. Philpott,
 " Richard B. Carmichael,
 " Morris Shanks,
 " Hanson Penn,
 " John H. Simmons,
 " James Piper,
 " Robert Davis,
 " Jehu Parsons,
 " Joseph Graves,
 " Samuel J. Briscoe,
 " Allen Thomas,
 " Rowland Ellis,
 " George F. Worthington,
 " Josias Hawkins,
 " Frederick H. Knapp,
 " Henry A. Callis,
 " Samuel I. Donaldson,
 " Nicholas Brice,
 " Horatio C. Scott,
 " Edward A. Howard,

Rev. John R. Keech,
 " Samuel C. Kerr,
 " George McElhiney,
 " R. Mitchell,
 " James A. McKenney,
 " John Owen,
 " William Pinkney,
 " Joseph Spencer,
 " Edwin M. Van Deusen,
 " John Wiley,
 " Henry Williams,
 " R. H. Waters.

Clergy 24.

Mr. Merritt Miller,
 " Thos. John Clagett,
 " Robert Ghiselin,
 " Littleton D. Handy,
 " Joshua Hutchins,
 " Robert Bowie,
 " Richard M. I'Anson,
 " Aquila P. Moores,
 " Enoch Bayley,
 " Nathan Dickerson,
 " Samuel Hambleton,
 " Joseph N. Stockett,
 " Thomas W. Veasey,
 " Frederick Dorsey,
 " E. F. Chambers,
 " James Stewart,
 " James Sewall,
 " John C. Gott,
 " John Somervell,
 " Thomas B. Dorsey,
 " John W. Stump,
 " Edward Boyer,
 " Thomas Shriver,
 " John G. Chapman.

Laity 48.—Total, ayes 72.

NOES.

Rev. Henry H. Bean,
 " Olcott Bulkley,
 " William Bryant,
 " Upton Beall,
 " W. F. Chesley,
 " John Delaplane,
 " Ira A. Easter,
 " William Hawley,
 " J. P. K. Henshaw,
 " Alfred Holmead,
 " Leonard H. Johns,

Mr. Jonathan Prout,
 " Worthington Johnson,
 " R. B. Magruder,
 " Franklin Anderson,
 " James Howard,

Rev. Clement F. Jones,
 " Alex. M. Marbury,
 " Benjamin M. Miller,
 " Robert Piggot,
 " Joshua Peterkin,
 " John P. Robinson,
 " John P. Robins,
 " Philip Slaughter,
 " Joseph Trapnell,
 " Lemuel Wilmer,
 " Simon Wilmer.

Clergy 22.

Mr. Thomas J. Marshall,
 " C. H. Wiltberger,
 " Washington Duvall,
 " Jacob Nollner.

Laity 9.

In accordance with the last resolution, the Convention as a committee of the whole, the Rev. Henry H. Bean in the chair, went into a joint ballot, for the purpose of ascertaining the name of some clergyman to be informally recommended to the clergy for their nomination to the laity.

The Rev. Dr. Wyatt and the Rev. Dr. Johns, were ballotted for; eighty-one votes were received, of which number there were for the

Rev. Dr. Wyatt,	-	-	55
" " Johns,	-	-	26

The following clergymen and laymen declined voting, on the ground that they considered the whole proceeding as irregular and inconsistent with the express provisions of the fifth article of the Constitution, and conflicting with the independent rights of the separate orders of which this Convention is composed.

Rev. Upton Beall, Rev. W. F. Chesley, Rev. Matthias Harris, Rev. W. Hawley, Rev. J. P. K. Henshaw, Rev. Alfred Holmead, Rev. Leonard H. Johns, Rev. G. L. Mackenheimer, Rev. A. L. Marbury, Rev. B. M. Miller, Rev. Robert Piggot, Rev. John P. Robinson, Rev. John P. Robins, Rev. Philip Slaughter, Rev. Joseph Trapnell, Rev. Lemuel Wilmer, Rev. Olcott Bulkley.

Mr. Worthington Johnson, Mr. James S. Morsell, Mr. R. B. Magruder, Mr. Franklin Anderson, Mr. Thomas J. Marshall, Mr. Jacob Nollner, Mr. Washington Duvall.

After these proceedings, the Convention being separated by orders,—the Rev. Dr. Johns and Rev. Dr. Wyatt were again nominated and ballotted for by the clergy, 47 votes were received.

11th ballot,—for Dr. Johns,	-	-	25
Dr. Wyatt,	-	-	22

Adjourned at half past 4 P. M., until 6 o'clock.

The recess of an hour and a half having elapsed, the business was resumed.

Judge Dorsey offered the following resolution :

Resolved, that it be earnestly recommended to the Clergy of this diocesis in Convention assembled, for the sake of union, harmony and the prosperity of the church, to cast lots, and to unite in nominating accordingly, either Doctor Wyatt or Doctor Johns, to fill the vacant Episcopal see in Maryland.

It was moved and seconded, that the above resolution be laid on the table, carried.

Application was made by St. Peter's Church in the city of Baltimore, to reduce the amount of assessment laid on said church, see Journal May 31, 1838, P. 11,—referred to a committee consisting of the Rev. Mr. McElhiney, Mr. Franklin Anderson, Mr. Samuel I. Donaldson.

The resolution offered this morning by James Howard Esq. and laid on the table, was now, by the mover, requested to be taken up. The question on taking up the resolution was decided by ayes and noes, as follows :

AYES.

Rev. Walter D. Addison,
 " Henry H. Bean,
 " Upton Beall,
 " W. F. Chesley,
 " John Delaplane,
 " Matthias Harris,

Mr. Hugh T. Harrison,
 " William Hawley,
 " Alfred Holmead,
 " G. L. Mackenheimer,
 " John P. Robinson,
 " Olcott Bulkley. Clergy 12.

Mr. R. B. Carmichael,
 " Worthington Johnson,
 " John H. Simmons,
 " James Piper,
 " Thomas B. Dorsey,
 " Allen Thomas,
 " Henry A. Callis,
 " Franklin Anderson,

Mr. James Howard,
 " Thomas J. Marshall,
 " R. M. I'Anson,
 " John C. Gott,
 " John Somervell,
 " Thomas Shriver,
 " John G. Chapman,
 " C. H. Wiltberger. Laity 16.

NOES.

Rev. Thomas Billopp,
 " William Bryant,
 " Thomas Bayne,
 " Henry Crosdale,
 " Ira A. Easter,
 " Levin I. Gilliss,
 " R. L. Goldsborough,
 " J. P. K. Henshaw,
 " Warner Hoyt,
 " Orlando Hutton,
 " Leonard H. Johns,
 " Clement F. Jones,
 " John R. Keech,
 " Lemuel Wilmer,
 " Samuel C. Kerr,
 " Geo. McElhiney,

Rev. R. Mitchell,
 " Alex. M. Marbury,
 " James A. McKenney,
 " Benjamin M. Miller,
 " John Owen,
 " William Pinkney,
 " Robert Piggott,
 " Joshua Peterkin,
 " John P. Robins,
 " Joseph Spencer,
 " Philip Slaughter,
 " Joseph Trapnell,
 " E. M. Van Deusen,
 " W. E. Wyatt,
 " John Wiley,
 " Simon Wilmer. Clergy 32.

Mr. John Leeds Kerr,
 " Brice J. Goldsborough,
 " Thomas W. Stone,
 " Edward P. Philpott,
 " Jonathan Prout,
 " Morris Shanks,
 " Hanson Penn,
 " Robert Davis,
 " W. G. Ridgely,
 " Jehu Parsons,
 " Samuel J. Briscoe,
 " Josias Hawkins,
 " Frederick H. Knapp,
 " James S. Morsell,
 " S. I. Donaldson,
 " Nicholas Brice,
 " R. B. Magruder,
 " Horatio C. Scott,
 " Edward A. Howard,

Mr. Merritt Miller,
 " Thomas John Clagett,
 " Robert Ghiselin,
 " L. D. Handy,
 " Joshua Hutchins,
 " A. P. Moores,
 " Enoch Bayley,
 " N. Dickerson,
 " Samuel Hambleton,
 " Jos. N. Stockett,
 " Thomas W. Veasey,
 " Frederick Dorsey,
 " E. F. Chambers,
 " James Stewart,
 " James Sewall,
 " John W. Stump,
 " Edward Boyer,
 " Jacob Nollner.

Laity 37.

The Rev. Doct. Wyatt and the Rev Doct Johns severally addressed the Convention in reference to the important subject which now, especially engages its attention ; and in conclusion, declined being considered as candidates for the episcopal office.

The Rev. Dr. Wyatt asked leave to submit the names of several reverend gentlemen to the consideration of the Convention, as suitable persons for the office of Bishop of this diocese, and having announced them, requested that the names be taken up in order :

Rt. Rev. Bishop Kemper,
 Rev. Dr. Whittingham, of the Theological Seminary, N. York.
 Rev. Dr. Taylor, Rector of Grace Church, New York.
 Rev. Mr. Johnson, of Alexandria.

It was moved and seconded that the clergy and laity now separate for the purpose of going into the nomination for Bishop.

After the separation, the Rev. Dr. Wyatt nominated the Rt. Rev. Bishop Kemper; the Rev. Dr. Johns seconded the nomination.

A recess of ten minutes was then agreed to, in order to afford the clergy an opportunity for consultation :—after the time expired the clerical vote was taken on the acceptance of the nomination and decided as follows :—ayes 26, noes 21.

A motion was then made to adjourn sine die and lost. The Rev. Dr. Henshaw having addressed the house, a motion was again made to adjourn and lost without a division.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Kemper was then again balloted for by the clergy; of 46 votes received,—there were for

Bishop Kemper,	-	-	-	36
Dr. Johns,	-	-	-	3
Blanks,	-	-	-	7

The nomination by the clergy of the Rt. Rev. Bishop Kemper was presented to the laity and confirmed by the following vote :—59 votes were received, of which number there were for

Bishop Kemper,	-	-	51
Doctor Johns,	-	-	2
Blanks,	-	-	3
Noes,	-	-	3

It was on motion, *Resolved*, that it be recommended to the ministers and vestries of this diocese to raise a sum in their respective parishes, equivalent to one dollar for each communicant, for the support of the Bishop for the present year.

It was also *Resolved*, that this convention raise the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars annually, for the support of the episcopate of this diocese.

On motion made and seconded, it was *Resolved*, that a committee be appointed by the chair, consisting of three clergymen and three laymen to devise ways and means for the permanent support of the Episcopate in this diocese and that they report a plan for the accomplishment of this object to the next convention. Committee appointed by the chair :

Rev. Dr. Wyatt,
 " " Henshaw,
 " Mr. McElhiney,
 Mr. S. I. Donaldson,
 Mr. A. C. Magruder,
 Mr. Thos. S. Alexander.

The Rev. Dr. Johns and the Rev. Dr. Wyatt were appointed a committee to inform the Rt. Rev. Bishop Kemper of his election.

Resolved, that the sum of fifty dollars be paid to the secretary for his services at the present session.

Resolved, that ten dollars be paid to the sexton of St. Paul's church for his services on this occasion.

The business of the convention being closed, an adjournment sine die was moved and carried ; and the convention adjourned accordingly.

J. JOHNS, *President.*

RICHARD M. HALL, *Secretary.*

LIST OF THE CLERGY,

Who attended the Special Convention, August 2d and 3d, 1838.

Rev. Charles C. Austin,	Rev. John R. Keech,
" Henry Aisquith,	" Samuel C. Kerr,
" Walter D. Addison,	" George McElhiney,
" Henry H. Bean,	" George L. Mackenheimer,
" Thomas Billopp,	" R. Mitchell,
" William Bryant,	" Alexander M. Marbury,
" Upton Beall,	" Benjamin M. Miller,
" Olcott Bulkley,	" James A. McKenney,
" Thomas Bayne,	" John Owen,
" William F. Chesley,	" William Pinkney,
" Henry Crossdale,	" Robert Piggot,
" John Delaplane,	" Joshua Peterkin,
" Ira A. Easter,	" John P. Robinson,
" Levin I. Gillias,	" John P. Robins,
" Robert Lloyd Goldsborough,	" Joseph Spencer,
" Matthias Harris,	" Philip Slaughter,
" Hugh T. Harrison,	" Joseph Trapnell,
" William Hawley,	" Edwin M. Van Deusen,
" J. P. K. Henshaw,	" W. E. Wyatt,
" Warner Hoyt,	" John Wiley,
" Alfred Holmead,	" Lemuel Wilmer,
" Orlando Hutton,	" Henry Williams,
" John Johns,	" Simon Wilmer,
" Leonard H. Johns,	" R. H. Waters.
" Clement F. Jones,	

LIST OF THE LAY DELEGATES,

Who attended the Special Convention, held August 2d and 3d, 1838.

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- Hon. Nicholas Brice, }
 Mr. Samuel I. Donaldson, } from St. Paul's Church, Baltimore.
 Hon. Richard B. Magruder, St. Peter's Church, Baltimore.
 Mr. James Howard, }
 " Franklin Anderson, } Christ's Church, Baltimore.
 " Richard M. I'Anson, }
 " Frederick H. Knapp, } St. Andrew's Church, Baltimore.
 " Joshua Hutchins, St. James' Parish, Baltimore county.
 " Edward P. Philpott, St. John's Church, Baltimore county.
 " James Piper, St. Thomas' Church, Baltimore county.
 Dr. John D. Readell, Sherwood Chapel, Baltimore county.
 Mr. Edward A. Howard, St. John's Parish, Baltimore and Harford
 counties.
 " Aquila P. Moores, Christ's Church, Harford county.
 " John W. Stump, St. John's Church, Harford county.
 " George H. Perryman, St. George's Parish, Harford county.
 " Rowland Ellis, St. Mary Ann's Parish, North East, Cecil co.
 Gov. Thomas W. Veazey, St. Stephen's Parish, Cecil county.
 Gen. James Sewall, Trinity Church, Elkton, Cecil county.
 Hon. E. F. Chambers, Chester Parish, Kent county.
 Mr. Edward Boyer, Shrewsbury Parish, Kent county.
 " Merritt Miller, St. Paul's Parish, Kent county.
 " Richard B. Carmichael, St. Paul's Parish, Queen Ann county.
 Hon. John Leeds Kerr, St. Peter's Parish, Talbot county.
 Mr. Samuel Hambleton, St. Michael's Parish, Talbot county.
 Hon. Brice J. Goldsborough, Great Choptank Parish, Dorchester co.
 Mr. Enoch Bayley, Dorchester Parish, Dorchester county.
 Dr. Thomas W. Stone, Stepney Parish, Somerset county.
 Mr. Jehu Parsons, Spring Hill Parish, Somerset county.
 Dr. Littleton D. Handy, Coventry Parish, Somerset county.
 Dr. James Stewart, Somerset Parish, Somerset county.
 Mr. Morris Shanks, King and Queen Parish, St. Mary's county.
 " Robert Davis, All Faith Parish, St. Mary's county.
 Hon. John G. Chapman, Port Tobacco Parish, Charles county.
 Mr. Josias Hawkins, William and Mary Parish, Charles county.
 " Samuel J. Briscoe, Trinity Parish, Charles county.
 " John Somervell, All Saint's Parish, Calvert county.
 " Robert Bowie, Queen Ann's Parish, Prince George's county.
 " Robert Ghiselin, St. Paul's Parish, Prince George's county.
 " Thos. J. Marshall, St. John's Parish, Prince Georges' county.
 " Horatio C. Scott, Trinity Church, Upper Marlboro', Prince
 George's county.

- Mr. Henry A. Callis, Broad Creek Parish, Prince George's county.
 " Washington Duvall, Zion Church, Prince George's county.
 Dr. Hanson Penn, St. Matthew's Church, Prince George's co.
 Mr. Joseph N. Stockett, All Hallow's Parish, Anne Arundel co.
 Dr. Allen Thomas, Christ Church, Queen Caroline Parish, Anne Arundel county.
 Mr. Chas. Hammond, St. Margaret's Church, Westminster Parish, Anne Arundel county.
 Hon. Thomas B. Dorsey, St. John's Church, Queen Caroline Parish, Anne Arundel county.
 Mr. George F. Worthington, St. Ann's Parish, Annapolis.
 " Jacob Nollner, St. John's Church, Washington city, D. C.
 " Charles H. Wiltberger, Christ Church, Washington city, D. C.
 " John A. Smith, Trinity Church, Washington city, D. C.
 " Jonathan Prout, Rock Creek Church, Washington county, D. C.
 Hon. James S. Morsell, Christ's Church, Georgetown, D. C.
 Mr. William G. Ridgely, St. John's Church, Georgetown, D. C.
 " Nathan Dickerson, Prince George's Parish, Montgomery co.
 " John C. Gott, St. Peter's Parish, Montgomery county.
 " Samuel R. Gaither, St. Bartholomew's Parish, Montgomery co.
 " Worthington Johnson, All Saint's Parish, Frederick city.
 " John H. Simmons, Zion Parish, Frederick county.
 " Thomas John Clagett, St. Mark's Parish, Frederick county.
 Dr. Frederick Dorsey, St. John's Parish, Washington county.
 Mr. Joseph Graves, St. Thomas' Parish, Washington county.
 " Thomas Shriver, Emmanuel Parish, Alleghany county.

Total number of Clergy and Laity who attended the Convention.

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APPENDIX.

REPORT OF THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Report of the Board of Directors of the Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the diocese of Maryland presented to the special Convention, August 3rd, 1838.

The board of Directors having omitted to present a report of their proceedings at the late annual meeting, beg leave now to submit the following report to the Convention.

At the period of the last annual report of the board of directors presented at the Convention of 1837, the only persons receiving assistance from the society were the Rev. Daniel Higbee a Missionary labouring in the counties of Dorchester and Caroline at an annual salary of \$500, and the Rev. Mr. Harris rector of Emmanuel Parish, Cumberland, in favor of which parish an appropriation of \$200 had been made to assist in the support of the rector. The Rev. Mr. Higbee continued his labours in the county of Dorchester until the 1st November. The appropriation in favor of Emmanuel parish has been continued for another year—and the Rev. Mr. Harris continues to perform the missionary duties required of him in Alleghany county. On application from the vestry of Trinity church, Elkton, a further appropriation was made to assist in the support of their Rector who was to perform missionary duty at North East. One hundred dollars was paid to the vestry under this appropriation in the month of February last, after which it was discontinued. In the month of January last, the committee received an application for a small congregation at Clear Spring, in Washington county, stating that they were anxious to organize a church at that place, and procure a minister, but that they were unable to support him without the assistance of the Society for a year or two. This application was answered by the appropriation of \$200 for one year to commence from the time they should engage the services of a minister. In the month of March, the Rev. Richard T. Brown, was chosen their pastor and commenced his labors at that place with the prospect of soon collecting an interesting congregation. Since the meeting of the last convention the executive committee have received applications for assistance from St. James' African Church, Baltimore, Shrewsbury parish, Kent county, and St. Paul's church, Sharpsburg, Washington county. and granted to each \$200 for one year to aid in the sup

their respective ministers. There are several other points in the diocese where missionary labour might be advantageously applied, and to which the committee would be glad to afford assistance if the state of the funds of the Society enabled them to do it. But the present appropriations amounting to one thousand dollars are nearly equal to the whole sum now in the hands of the Treasurer, and considerably more than the average receipts of the Society for the last three years. The balance in the hands of the late Treasurer at the time of his death, was \$798 83—in addition to which the Treasurer received from May 31st, 1837, to May 28th, 1838, the sum of \$926 54, and paid out \$950, leaving a balance in his hands of \$775 37, at the time of presenting his report at the late annual meeting. He has since received the sum of \$387 02 making the balance now in the Treasury \$1162 39. It will be seen by looking over the Treasurer's account which accompanies this report, that the receipts have come from comparatively a small proportion of the parishes of the diocese. If all were to contribute in the same proportion according to their ability the yearly receipts of the Society would be nearly doubled. It is earnestly hoped that the delinquent parishes, and churches will take this subject into serious consideration, and before the close of the present year, come forward with suitable liberality in support of the effort to revive the decayed parishes of the diocese.

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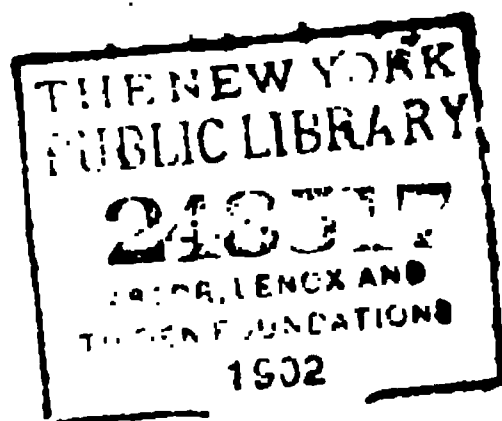
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WEDNESDAY, May 29th,—THURSDAY, 30th,—FRIDAY, 31st,—and
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONVENTION.

BALTIMORE, *Wednesday, May 29th, 1839.*

The Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Maryland, commenced its session in St. Paul's Church, in this city, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

The morning prayer was read by the Rev. Dr. Mason—the lessons, by the Rev. Joseph Trapnell, Jr.

The ante-communion service was read by the Rev. Dr. Wyatt.

The convention sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Hawley.

The Lord's supper was administered by the Rev. Dr. Johns and Rev. Dr. Wyatt.

The convention being called to order, a list of the names of the clergy who were entitled to seats at the last convention, was called over by the Secretary, when it appeared that there were forty-seven members present, namely:—

Rev. Charles C. Austin,

“ Henry Aisquith,

“ Henry H. Bean,

“ Thomas Billopp,

“ Upton Beall,

“ Thomas Bayne,

“ Olcott Bulkley,

“ William F. Chesley,

“ John Claxton,

“ Henry Crosdale,

“ John Delaplane,

“ Ira A. Easter,

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“ Robt. Lloyd Goldsborough,

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Rev. J. P. K. Henshaw, D. D.

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“ Samuel C. Kerr,

“ George McElhiney,

“ G. L. Mackenheimer,

“ R. Mitchell,

“ James A. McKenney,

“ Henry M. Mason, D. D.

“ John Owen,

Rev. William Pinkney,
 " Richard H. Phillips,
 " Robert Piggot,
 " Joshua Peterkin,
 " John P. Robinson,
 " John P. Robins,
 " Philip Slaughter,
 " Joseph Trapnell,

Rev. Edwin M. Van Deusen,
 " John Wiley,
 " Lemuel Wilmer,
 " Henry Williams,
 " Simon Wilmer,
 " R. H. Waters,
 " W. E. Wyatt, D. D.

The following gentlemen presented their testimonials as lay delegates, and signed the declaration required by the second article of the constitution.

Mr. Horatio C. Scott,
 " Thomas W. Stone,
 " James Stewart,
 " Ezekiel F. Chambers,
 " James T. Johnson,
 " John Thomas,
 " Edward A. Howard,
 " Grafton Tyler,
 " Robert Neilson,
 " John Lowry,
 " Frederick H. Knapp,
 " Joseph Harris,
 " Littleton D. Handy,
 " John Henry Brice,
 " John Somervell,
 " Thomas W. Veazey,
 " Stevens Gambrill,
 " Frederick Dorsey,
 " Nathan Dickerson,
 " Thomas John Clagett,
 " Benjamin Mullikin,
 " James B. Robins,
 " John E. Hayward,
 " James Duke,
 " Edward P. Philpott,
 " John D. Grove,
 " M. C. Jones,
 " S. J. Briscoe,
 " Joshua Hutchins,
 " William W. Laird,

Mr. Marcellus Jones,
 " John S. Martin,
 " Samuel G. Smith,
 " Jacob Winchester,
 " Joseph Ingle,
 " Parker H. Lee,
 " Merritt Miller,
 " Edward Boyer,
 " George Howard,
 " Henry A. Callis,
 " Benjamin W. Harris,
 " William J. Ross,
 " Hanson Penn,
 " Josias Hawkins,
 " Allen Thomas,
 " Thomas J. Marshall,
 " Joseph F. Shaw,
 " Philip Landsdale,
 " Samuel I. Donaldson,
 " James Howard,
 " James Sewall,
 " Washington Duvall,
 " James Piper,
 " Robert W. Bowie,
 " Thomas S. Alexander,
 " Thomas R. Sewall,
 " Jacob Shlageal,
 " Wm. Carmichael,
 " Joseph S. Hooper.

RULES OF ORDER.

1st. The business of every day shall be introduced with prayer.

2d. This convention shall sit for the despatch of business, from 9 o'clock, A. M., until 3 o'clock, P. M.

3d. Every member shall take his seat when the President takes the chair, and remain uncovered until the convention adjourn.

4th. At the opening of each session of the convention, as soon as the President takes the chair, the names of the clergy, who were entitled to seats at the preceding convention, shall be called over by the Secretary of the last convention; or, in case of his absence, by a Secretary pro tem. to be appointed by the President. The Lay delegates shall lay their certificates of appointment on the table of the Secretary, and subscribe the declaration required by the constitution. If a constitutional quorum be found present, the President shall thereupon declare the fact, and announce that the convention is organized, and ready for business. A Secretary shall be elected. The following committees shall then be appointed by the chair: One of elections, to consist of three, to whom the testimonials of the lay delegates shall be referred; one on accounts, to consist of three; one on parochial contributions, to consist of three; and one on the rights of clergymen to seats in this convention, to consist of three clergymen.

5th. If the Bishop of the Diocese shall not be present at any meeting of the convention, at the opening of the same, the names of the clergy who were entitled to seats at the preceding convention, shall be called over by the Secretary of the last convention; or, in case of his absence, by the first named member of the standing committee who may be present. The lay delegates shall lay their certificates of appointment on the table, and subscribe the declaration required by the constitution. If a constitutional quorum be present, a President, pro tempore, shall be elected, agreeably to the seventh article of the constitution. A secretary shall be elected; and then the chair shall appoint the several committees mentioned in the fourth rule of order.

6th. The standing committee for the preceding year shall be the committee on the state of the church; and all parochial reports shall be referred to the said committee.

7th. Every member who shall deliver his opinion, or speak in any debate, shall stand up in his place; and with respect and decency, address himself to the President.

8th. If two or more members shall rise to speak at the same time, the President shall declare who shall speak first.

9th. No member shall speak more than twice in any debate except with leave; nor shall any member be interrupted while he is speaking in order. And if any member shall rise to speak more than twice on the same question, without leave, the President shall call him to order.

10th. Any member called to order by the President, or by a member, shall thereupon take his seat.

11th. When the convention is sitting, no member shall speak to another, so as to interrupt any member who may be speaking in a debate.

12th. No motion shall be debated until the same be seconded; and if desired by the President, reduced to writing, and read by the secretary.

13th. When a motion is made and seconded, the matter of the motion shall receive a determination by the question, unless postponed by a motion for postponement, or by the previous question, before any other motion shall be received.

14th. If a question in debate contains more parts than one, any member may have the same divided into as many questions as there are parts.

15th. All questions of order shall be decided by the President. Upon all questions of order there shall be a right of appeal from the decision of the presiding officer to the convention.

16th. No member shall absent himself from the service of the convention, unless he may have leave, or be unable to attend.

17th. A question being once determined, shall stand as the judgment of the convention; and shall not be again drawn into debate during the same session, except with the consent of two-thirds of the convention.

18th. The foregoing rules of order shall be deemed and considered the rules of order of all future conventions, until altered or rescinded; and the same shall be published in the journal of each convention.

Upon motion it was "*Resolved*, That the members of the standing committee have leave to withdraw, for the purpose of preparing a report on the right of such clergymen as have become entitled to seats in this convention, within the past year.

The standing committee after retiring for a short time, reported the names of the following gentlemen, as entitled to seats in this convention:—

Rev. Enoch Bailey,

Rev. Joseph Trapnell, Jr.

" Norris M. Jones,

" James Abercrombie.

It was moved and seconded that the house do now proceed to the election of a president of the convention.

It was moved and seconded to lay this motion on the table, and asked by the mover, that the question be taken by ayes and noes, and that each order vote separately. The question being put, that the motion to proceed to the election of a president of the convention be laid on the table, the chair decided that it was in order, to move that the same be taken by the votes of the two orders separately. From this decision, an appeal was made to the convention. Pending the said appeal, it was moved, that the consideration of the original motion be indefinitely postponed, which was accepted by the mover as a substitute for his motion to lay the subject on the table, and was proposed by the chair, and agreed to by the house.

A motion was then made, that the convention adjourn until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning, and carried.

THURSDAY, *May 30th.*

The convention met at 9 o'clock this morning, pursuant to adjournment.

Morning prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Gilliss.

The names of the clergy being called, in addition to those present yesterday, there appeared the Rev. Joseph Spencer, D. D., Rev. Clement F. Jones, Rev. R. W. Goldsborough, Rev. Matthias Harris and Rev. Robert Prout.

The lay delegates whose names follow, appeared this morning and after presenting their testimonials and signing the declaration, took their seats as members of the convention, namely:—Dr. William Brogden, Hon. James S. Morsell, Mr. Levin Keene, Mr. William J. Blakistone, Mr. F. S. Key, Mr. John G. Chapman, Mr. R. T. Dade, Mr. Samuel Hambleton, Mr. C. H. Wiltberger.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read, amended and approved.

The following resolution was moved and seconded:—

Resolved, That a committee be appointed, consisting of four clergymen and four lay delegates, to confer together and report to the convention, whether any and what arrangements can be made for the amicable adjustment of such matters as are likely to come before this convention : and that a recess be taken until 12 o'clock for the purpose stated in the resolution, and to receive the report of the committee.

The ayes and noes were required, when a question arose whether the ayes and noes shall be taken on this resolution and decided in the negative by ayes and noes as follows :

Ayes—CLERGY.

Rev. Henry H. Bean,
 " Upton Beall,
 " Olcott Bulkley,
 " William F. Chesley,
 " John Delaplane,
 " Hugh T. Harrison,
 " William Hawley,
 " J. P. K. Henshaw,
 " Alfred Holmead,
 " Hector Humphreys,
 " Clement F. Jones,
 " Henry S. Keppler,
 " George McElhiney,
 " G. L. Mackenheimer,
 " Alexander M. Marbury,
 " John Owen,
 " William Pinkney,
 " Richard H. Phillips,
 " Robert Piggot,
 " John P. Robinson,
 " John P. Robins,
 " Philip Slaughter,
 " Joseph Trapnell,
 " Joseph Trapnell, Jr.
 " Lemuel Wilmer,
 " Henry Williams,—26.

Ayes—LAITY.

Mr. Horatio C. Scott,
 " John Thomas,
 " Grafton Tyler,
 " Robert Neilson,
 " John Lowry,
 " F. H. Knapp,
 " Joseph Harris,
 " John Somervell,
 " James B. Robins,
 " John E. Hayward,
 " James Duke,
 " John D. Grove,
 " Joshua Hutchins,
 " Joseph Ingle,

Noes—CLERGY.

Rev. James Abercrombie,
 " Henry Aisquith,
 " Charles C. Austin,
 " Thomas Billopp,
 " Thomas Bayne,
 " Enoch Bailey,
 " John Claxton,
 " Henry Crosdale,
 " Ira A. Easter,
 " Levin I. Gilliss,
 " Robt. Lloyd Goldsborough,
 " Matthias Harris,
 " Warner Hoyt,
 " Orlando Hutton,
 " Norris M. Jones,
 " John R. Keech,
 " R. Mitchell,
 " James A. McKenney,
 " Henry M. Mason,
 " Robert Prout,
 " Joshua Peterkin,
 " Joseph Spencer,
 " Edwin M. Van Deusen,
 " John Wiley,
 " Richard H. Waters—25.

Noes—LAITY.

Mr. Thomas W. Stone,
 " James Stewart,
 " E. F. Chambers,
 " Edward A. Howard,
 " Littleton D. Handy,
 " Thomas John Clagett,
 " Edward P. Philpott,
 " S. J. Briscoe,
 " Marcellus Jones,
 " Samuel G. Smith,
 " Parker H. Lee,
 " George Howard,
 " Benjamin W. Harris.
 " Josias Hawkins,

Ayes—LAITY.

Mr. Wm. I. Ross,
 “ Allen Thomas,
 “ Thomas I. Marshall,
 “ Joseph F. Shaw,
 “ James Howard,
 “ Washington Duvall,
 “ James Piper,
 “ Robert W. Bowie,
 “ Wm. Carmichael,
 “ Wm. Brogden,
 “ J. G. Chapman,
 “ James S. Morsell,
 “ F. S. Key—27.

Noes—LAITY.

Mr. S. I. Donaldson,
 “ Thomas S. Alexander,
 “ Joseph S. Hooper,
 “ Levin Keene,
 “ Samuel Hambleton,
 “ John Henry Brice,
 “ Thomas W. Veazey,
 “ Stevens Gambrill,
 “ Frederick Dorsey,
 “ Nathan Dickerson,
 “ Benjamin Mullikin,
 “ M. C. Jones,
 “ Wm. W. Laird,
 “ John S. Martin,
 “ Jacob Winchester,
 “ Merritt Miller,
 “ Henry A. Callis,
 “ Hanson Penn,
 “ Phillip Landsdale,
 “ James Sewall,
 “ Thomas R. Sewall,
 “ Jacob Shlageal,
 “ Wm. I. Blakistone.—37.

The resolution that the convention proceed to the election of a president, being the unfinished business of yesterday, was called up for consideration.

It was then moved that the convention take a recess for an hour. The question being put on this motion it was decided in the negative.

A motion was made for the ayes and noes on the said question, but this call was not insisted on.

It was then again moved that the ayes and noes be taken on the motion that the convention take a recess. The chair decided that this motion was out of order unless made with consent of the convention: and the question being put, will the convention order the ayes and noes on the aforesaid question? It was decided in the negative.

The question then recurring on the motion, that the convention proceed to the election of its president, it was required by several members that the question be taken by distinct orders; to this course the mover of the original resolution objected as being out of order. The president decided that it was competent for any five members

to call for a decision of the question by the votes of the orders separately. From this decision of the chair an appeal was made to the convention by the member who proposed the resolution to go into the election for president.

It was then required by five members that the question on the said appeal be taken by the votes of the orders separately. Objection was made to this motion as out of order. The chair decided that it was competent for five members to move that the vote on the appeal as aforesaid, be decided by the votes of the orders separately. There being no appeal from this decision, a motion to adjourn was made and withdrawn; and being renewed, was decided by ayes and noes as follows:

Ayes—CLERGY.

Rev. Henry Aisquith,
 " Charles C. Austin,
 " Henry H. Bean,
 " Upton Beall,
 " Thomas Bayne,
 " Olcott Bulkley,
 " W. F. Chesley,
 " John Delaplane,
 " Ira A. Easter,
 " Levin I. Gilliss,
 " Matthias Harris,
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 " J. P. K. Henshaw,
 " Alfred Holmead,
 " Orlando Hutton,
 " Leonard H. Johns,
 " Clement F. Jones,
 " Henry S. Keppler,
 " John R. Keech,
 " Geo. McKenney,
 " G. L. Mackerheimer,
 " Alexander M. Mathury,
 " Robert Pount,
 " Richard H. Phillips,
 " Robert Piggot,
 " Joshua Peterkin,
 " John P. Robinson,
 " John P. Robins.

Noes—CLERGY.

Rev. Thomas Billopp,
 " John Claxton,
 " Henry Crosdale,
 " Robert Lloyd Goldsborough,
 " Warner Hoyt,
 " John Owen,
 " Edwin M. Van Deusen,
 " John Wiley,
 " Enoch Bailey,
 " James Abercrombie,
 " Hector Humphreys,
 " Samuel C. Kerr,
 " R. Mitchell,
 " James A. McKenney,
 " Henry M. Mason,
 " William Pinkney,
 " W. E. Wyatt,
 " Richard H. Waters,
 " Norris M. Jones,—19

Ayes—CLERGY.

Rev. Joseph Spencer,
 " Philip Slaughter,
 " Joseph Trapnell,
 " Lemuel Wilmer,
 " Henry Williams,
 " Simon Wilmer,
 " Joseph Trapnell, Jr.—36.

Ayes—LAITY.

Mr. Horatio C. Scott,
 " E. F. Chambers,
 " James T. Johnson,
 " John Thomas,
 " Grafton Tyler,
 " Robert Neilson,
 " John Lowry,
 " Frederick H. Knapp,
 " Joseph Harris,
 " Parker H. Lee,
 " William I. Ross,
 " James Howard,
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 " Thomas R. Sewall,
 " Jacob Shlageal,
 " James S. Morsell—31.

Noes—LAITY.

Mr. Thomas W. Stone,
 " James Stewart,
 " Edward H. Howard,
 " Littleton D. Handy,
 " John Henry Brice,
 " Thomas W. Veazey,
 " Frederick Dorsey,
 " Nathan Dickerson,
 " Benjamin Mullikin,
 " Edward P. Philpott,
 " M. C. Jones,
 " S. J. Briscoe,
 " Wm. W. Laird,
 " Marcellus Jones,
 " Samuel G. Smith,
 " Jacob Winchester,
 " Merritt Miller,
 " Edward Boyer,
 " George Howard,
 " Henry A. Callis,
 " Hanson Penn,
 " Josias Hawkins,
 " Allen Thomas,
 " Joseph F. Shaw,
 " Philip Landsdale,
 " Samuel I. Donaldson,
 " James Sewall,
 " Robert W. Bowie,
 " Thomas S. Alexander,
 " Joseph S. Hooper,
 " William Brogden,
 " Levin Keene,
 " Wm. I. Blakistone,
 " Samuel Hambleton,—34.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock to morrow morning.

to call for a decision of the question by the votes of the orders separately. From this decision of the chair an appeal was made to the convention by the member who proposed the resolution to go into the election for president.

It was then required by five members that the question on the said appeal be taken by the votes of the orders separately. Objection was made to this motion as out of order. The chair decided that it was competent for five members to move that the vote on the appeal as aforesaid, be decided by the votes of the orders separately. There being no appeal from this decision, a motion to adjourn was made and withdrawn; and being renewed, was decided by ayes and noes as follows:

Ayes—CLERGY.

Rev. Henry Aisquith,
 " Charles C. Austin,
 " Henry H. Bean,
 " Upton Beall,
 " Thomas Bayne,
 " Olcott Bulkley,
 " W. F. Chesley,
 " John Delaplane,
 " Ira A. Easter,
 " Levin I. Gilliss,
 " Matthias Harris,
 " Hugh T. Harrison,
 " William Hawley,
 " J. P. K. Henshaw,
 " Alfred Holmead,
 " Orlando Hutton,
 " Leonard H. Johns,
 " Clement F. Jones,
 " Henry S. Keppler,
 " John R. Keech,
 " Geo. McElhiney,
 " G. L. Mackenheimer,
 " Alexander M. Marbury,
 " Robert Prout,
 " Richard H. Phillips,
 " Robert Piggot,
 " Joshua Peterkin,
 " John P. Robinson,
 " John P. Robins,

Noes—CLERGY.

Rev. Thomas Billopp,
 " John Claxton,
 " Henry Crosdale,
 " Robert Lloyd Goldsborough,
 " Warner Hoyt,
 " John Owen,
 " Edwin M. Van Deusen,
 " John Wiley,
 " Enoch Bailey,
 " James Abercrombie,
 " Hector Humphreys,
 " Samuel C. Kerr,
 " R. Mitchell,
 " James A. McKenney,
 " Henry M. Mason,
 " William Pinkney,
 " W. E. Wyatt,
 " Richard H. Waters,
 " Norris M. Jones,—19

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Ayes—CLERGY.

Rev. Joseph Spencer,
“ Philip Slaughter,
“ Joseph Trapnell,
“ Lemuel Wilmer,
“ Henry Williams,
“ Simon Wilmer,
“ Joseph Trapnell, Jr.—36.

Ayes—LAITY.

Mr. Horatio C. Scott,
“ E. F. Chambers,
“ James T. Johnson,
“ John Thomas,
“ Grafton Tyler,
“ Robert Neilson,
“ John Lowry,
“ Frederick H. Knapp,
“ Joseph Harris,
“ Parker H. Lee,
“ William I. Ross,
“ James Howard,
“ James Piper,
“ Wm. Carmichael,
“ John G. Chapman,
“ F. S. Key,
“ John Somervell,
“ Stevens Gambrill,
“ Thomas John Clagett,
“ James B. Robins,
“ James Duke,
“ John D. Grove,
“ Joshua Hutchins,
“ John S. Martin,
“ Joseph Ingle,
“ Benjamin W. Harris,
“ Thomas J. Marshall,
“ Washington Duvall,
“ Thomas R. Sewall,
“ Jacob Shlageal,
“ James S. Morsell—31.

Noes—LAITY.

Mr. Thomas W. Stone,
“ James Stewart,
“ Edward H. Howard,
“ Littleton D. Handy,
“ John Henry Brice,
“ Thomas W. Veazey,
“ Frederick Dorsey,
“ Nathan Dickerson,
“ Benjamin Mullikin,
“ Edward P. Philpott,
“ M. C. Jones,
“ S. J. Briscoe,
“ Wm. W. Laird,
“ Marcellus Jones,
“ Samuel G. Smith,
“ Jacob Winchester,
“ Merritt Miller,
“ Edward Boyer,
“ George Howard,
“ Henry A. Callis,
“ Hanson Penn,
“ Josias Hawkins,
“ Allen Thomas,
“ Joseph F. Shaw,
“ Philip Landsdale,
“ Samuel I. Donaldson,
“ James Sewall,
“ Robert W. Bowie,
“ Thomas S. Alexander,
“ Joseph S. Hooper,
“ William Brogden,
“ Levin Keene,
“ Wm. I. Blakistone,
“ Samuel Hambleton,—34

Adjourned till 9 o'clock to morrow morning.

FRIDAY, *May 31st.*

The convention met at 9 o'clock this morning according to adjournment.

The morning prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Harrison.

The names of the clergy and laity were called over, and the minutes of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

The question before the house, being the first in order, was on the appeal from the decision of the chair as stated in yesterday's proceedings.

On the question being put: "*Will the house sustain the decision of the chair?*" It was decided in the negative by the following vote: ayes—54, noes—63, namely:—

Ayes—CLERGY.

Rev. Charles C. Austin,
 " Henry H. Bean,
 " Upton Beall,
 " Olcott Bulkley,
 " William F. Chesley,
 " John Delaplane,
 " Ira A. Easter,
 " Hugh T. Harrison,
 " William Hawley,
 " J. P. K. Henshaw,
 " Alfred Holmead,
 " Leonard H. Johns,
 " Clement F. Jones,
 " Henry S. Keppler,
 " G. L. Mackenheimer,
 " Alexander M. Marbury,
 " Robert Prout,
 " Richard H. Phillips,
 " Robert Piggot,
 " Joshua Peterkin,
 " John P. Robinson,
 " John P. Robins,
 " Philip Slaughter,
 " Joseph Trapnell,
 " Lemuel Wilmer,
 " Henry Williams,
 " Simon Wilmer,
 " Joseph Trapnell, Jr.,—28.

Noes—CLERGY.

Rev. Henry Aisquith,
 " Thomas Billopp,
 " Thomas Bayne,
 " John Claxton,
 " Henry Crosdale,
 " Levin I. Gilliss,
 " Robert Lloyd Goldsborough,
 " Matthias Harris,
 " Warner Hoyt,
 " Orlando Hutton,
 " John R. Keech,
 " Samuel C. Kerr,
 " George McElhinney,
 " R. Mitchell,
 " James A. McKenney,
 " Henry M. Mason,
 " John Owen,
 " William Pinkney,
 " Joseph Spencer,
 " Edwin M. Van Deusen,
 " John Wiley,
 " Richard H. Waters,
 " Enoch Bailey,
 " Norris M. Jones,
 " James Abercrombie.—25.

Ayes—LAITY.

Mr. Horatio C. Scott,
 “ James T. Johnson,
 “ John Thomas,
 “ Grafton Tyler,
 “ Robert Neilson,
 “ John Lowry,
 “ Frederick H. Knapp,
 “ John Somervell,
 “ James Howard,
 “ Washington Duvall,
 “ William Brogden,
 “ James S. Morsell,
 “ C. H. Wiltberger,
 “ James B. Robins,
 “ John E. Hayward,
 “ James Duke,
 “ John D. Grove,
 “ Joshua Hutchins,
 “ Joseph Ingle,
 “ Benjamin W. Harris,
 “ William I. Ross,
 “ Thomas I. Marshall,
 “ James Piper,
 “ Jacob Shlageal,
 “ F. S. Key,
 “ R. T. Dade,—26.

Noes—LAITY.

Mr. Thomas W. Stone,
 “ E. F. Chambers,
 “ Joseph Harris,
 “ John Henry Brice,
 “ Frederick Dorsey,
 “ Thomas John Clagett,
 “ Edward P. Philpott,
 “ S. J. Briscoe,
 “ Marcellus Jones,
 “ Samuel G. Smith,
 “ Parker H. Lee,
 “ Henry A. Callis,
 “ Josias Hawkins,
 “ Joseph F. Shaw,
 “ Samuel I. Donaldson,
 “ Robert W. Bowie,
 “ Thomas R. Sewall,
 “ William Carmichael,
 “ William I. Blakistone,
 “ James Stewart,
 “ Edward A. Howard,
 “ Littleton D. Handy,
 “ Thomas W. Veazey,
 “ Nathan Dickerson,
 “ Benjamin Mullikin,
 “ M. C. Jones,
 “ William W. Laird,
 “ John S. Martin,
 “ Jacob Winchester,
 “ George Howard,
 “ Hanson Penn,
 “ Allen Thomas,
 “ Philip Lansdale,
 “ James Sewall,
 “ Thomas S. Alexander,
 “ Joseph S. Hooper,
 “ Levin Keene,
 “ Samuel Hambleton,—38.

The Rev. Dr. Johns then tendered his resignation as president of the convention and retired from his seat. The chair was then occu-

pied by the Rev. Mr. Hawley, who read the paper presented by the Rev. Dr. Johns, as follows:—

To the Convention of the Diocese of Maryland:

GENTLEMEN,—I beg leave very respectfully to tender to you my resignation as president of the convention, and shall be happy if by this or any other act in my power, your proceedings may be rendered more harmonious in themselves and conducive to the best interests of the church.

Yours truly,
J. JOHNS.

Baltimore, Friday Morning, May 31st.

It was on motion, *Resolved*, That the above letter having been received and read, the convention do now proceed to the election of a president.

The Rev. Dr. Wyatt and the Rev. Dr. Johns were nominated as candidates for the presidential chair. The Rev. Mr. McElhiney and the Rev. Mr. Robinson, were appointed tellers:—the election was made by joint ballot of both orders; and the result declared to be, for the Rev. Dr. Wyatt, 64 votes; for the Rev. Dr. Johns, 55 votes.

It was therefore declared that Dr. Wyatt was elected; and the Rev. Dr. Henshaw, and the Rev. Mr. Keech, were appointed a committee to communicate to him the result of the balloting, and to conduct him to the chair. Upon taking the chair, the president addressed the convention for a few minutes, and the house then proceeded to business.

Mr. Richard M. Hall, was re-elected Secretary.

Application was made for admission into the diocese of St. Andrew's church, Clear Spring, Washington county. The application was referred to a committee consisting of the Rev'd. C. C. Austin, James Howard, Esq. and Robert Neilson, Esq.

It was on motion, *Resolved*, That this convention most ardently desires to reconcile the difficulties which have arisen in the church, with regard to the election of a Bishop, and other matters interesting to its prosperity.

Wherefore be it further *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed consisting of four of the clergy and four of the laity, who shall, after consultation and advisement, propose to the convention such measures as in their judgment, shall be most likely to promote harmony, and unanimity of action, and heal the unhappy dissensions which are now dividing and distracting the diocese.

The following gentlemen were appointed a committee on this resolution:—Rev. Dr. Henshaw, Rev. Mr. Hawley, Rev. Mr. McKen-

ney, Rev. Mr. Pinkney of the clergy, and the Hon'ble Judge Chambers, F. S. Key, Esq., W. Carmichael, Esq., and Samuel I. Donaldson, Esq. of the laity.

The following committees were appointed by the chair :

On Elections of Lay Delegates.

Hon'ble Judge Chambers, W. I. Blakistone, Esq., F. S. Key, Esq.

On Parochial Contributions.

Rev. Dr. Mason, M. C. Jones, Esq., H. C. Scott, Esq.

On Accounts.

Rev. Mr. Wiley, John Henry Brice, Esq., Robert Neilson Esq.

On the rights of Clergymen to seats in this Convention.

Rev. Mr. McKenney, Rev. Mr. Claxton, Rev. Dr. Henshaw.

A petition was presented to alter and establish the boundaries of Prince George's and St. Bartholomew's parishes, Montgomery county, and was referred to a committee consisting of W. Carmichael, Esq. and T. S. Alexander, Esq.

To the Convention of the

Protestant Episcopal Church of Maryland :

The petition of Nathan C. Dickerson, Washington Waters, John W. Magruder and Thomas Worthington, of Montgomery county, respectfully sheweth, that they are members of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and that they reside within the limits of Prince George's parish. They are unable however, conveniently to attend divine worship in said parish ; their farms being much more convenient to the church of St. Bartholomew's parish, which church they have been in the habit of attending. Your petitioners then, respectfully pray the convention to alter the dividing line between the said Prince George's and St. Bartholomew's parishes, so that your petitioners may be included in St. Bartholomew's. The lines between the two parishes to run as follows:—To commence at Seneca bridge and running down Seneca creek to the mouth of Cabin branch, and up the said branch to Zadock Dickerson's spring, it being one of the head waters of said branch ; then with a strait line to Nathan Dickerson's spring, then with the branch of said spring to Rock creek, and then down the said Rock creek, to the mouth of Thomas Worthington's spring branch, and up said branch to the road leading from said Worthington's to Mechanicsville, and then with the said road through Mrs. Bowies' farm to the Mechanicsville road, and with the said road to Mechanicsville.

Your petitioners believe that they are a large majority of the whole of the members of the Protestant Episcopal Church, residing within the territory which is proposed to be taken from Prince George's and attached to St. Bartholomew's.

NATHAN C. DICKERSON,
THOMAS WORTHINGTON, of Wm.
JOHN W. MAGRUDER,
WASHINGTON WATERS.

Extract from the proceedings of the Vestry of Prince George's Parish, Montgomery County, Maryland, held this 27th day of May, 1839.

Whereas, it has been represented to this vestry, that certain individuals, members of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this parish, intend petitioning the convention of said church to alter the lines between Prince George's and St. Bartholomew's parishes; therefore, *Resolved*, that this Vestry sanction the boundary lines between said parishes as set forth in their petition.

SOLOMON HOLLAND, *Register*.

It was moved and seconded, that the missionary stations within this diocese, be relieved from all taxation except for the support of the Episcopate; and also, that the arrearages now due from such stations be remitted.

This motion was laid on the table.

The following resolution was submitted and read:

Resolved, that a committee of two clerical and two lay members be appointed, to ascertain the practicability of establishing a depot in the city of Baltimore, for the sale of tracts, Sunday school books, and other publications of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Referred to a committee consisting of the Rev. Norris M. Jones, Rev. Mr. Harris, Dr. Penn and James Howard, Esq.

The Rev. Mr. McElhiney, from the committee appointed at the last convention, to report a plan for raising a permanent fund for the support of the Episcopate, presented a report which was read and laid on the table.

The committee, on the application of St. Andrew's church, Clear Spring, Washington county, for admission into the diocese, made their report, which was read and laid on the table.

On motion—*Resolved*, that the convention now adjourn until 5 o'clock this afternoon.

The convention met at 5 o'clock according to adjournment.

The committee of conference asked and obtained leave to make the following report:

The committee appointed to recommend such measures as in their judgment would be likely to promote harmony and unanimity of ac-

tion, and heal the unhappy dissensions which are now distracting the diocese, after free and full communication, regret to report, that they have been unable to agree in recommending any measures which would be likely to promote the important objects which the convention had in view in their appointment.

J. P. K. HENSHAW, *Chairman.*

A communication from the Rt. Rev. Bishop Doane was presented, and read, as follows :

*To the Standing Committee
of the Diocese of Maryland :*

REVEREND BRETHREN,

It is a wholesome provision of the church, that, at every annual diocesan convention, the Bishop shall deliver an address, stating the affairs of the diocese since the last meeting of the convention, the names of the churches which he has visited, the number of persons confirmed, the names of those who have been received as candidates for orders, and of those who have been ordained, suspended or degraded ; the changes by death, removal or otherwise, which have taken place among the clergy ; and in general, all matters tending to throw light on the affairs of the diocese. It cannot be doubted that this provision in its spirit, extends to circumstances not comprehended strictly in its letter. Having been invited by you to perform Episcopal offices in the vacant diocese of Maryland, I deem it incumbent on me to report the services performed ; and, having undertaken them at your request, I consider it proper, that the report of them be made to you. You will lay my communication, I take for granted, before your approaching annual convention, at an early period of its session.

The invitation to visit a diocese, and perform Episcopal offices in it, of course involves the exercise of discretion as to the parts to be visited, and the offices to be performed ; a discretion which could not be more safely lodged than in that body, which is ordained by the general convention to be where there is no Bishop, "the ecclesiastical authority for all purposes declared in the canons," the standing committee itself. You doubtless appreciated the propriety of my referring this question to you, with the declaration, that as soon as I should be furnished with a list of the parishes to be visited, I would make my arrangements to discharge the duty. On receiving from your secretary, to whose courtesy and kindness I am indebted for very valuable assistance and advice, the necessary information, I made my appointments for visiting the parishes specified as desiring

Episcopal services, and, by the help of God, was enabled to fulfil them all, as follows :

I commenced my labours on Quinquagesima Sunday, February 10th, in St. Paul's church Baltimore, where I preached and confirmed thirty six persons. In the afternoon I preached in the lecture room in the basement of the building which is in course of erection for the congregation of St. Andrew's church in that city, and in the evening I preached in Christ's church in the same city.

On Monday, the 11th, I preached in St. John's church, Baltimore county, and confirmed four persons.

On Tuesday, the 12th, I preached in Christ church, Harford county, and confirmed seventeen persons.

On Ash Wednesday, the 13th, in the morning, I preached in St. Peter's church, Baltimore; and in the evening of the same day, I preached at St. James' (African church) in the same city.

On Thursday, the 14th, I preached in the chapel of St. Margarets, Westminster parish.

On Friday, the 15th, I preached in the Severn church, and confirmed three persons.

On Saturday, the 16th, I preached in the parish church of St. Margaret's, Westminster parish.

On the first Sunday in lent, the 17th, in St. Ann's church, Annapolis, after morning prayers by the Rev. Mr. Prescott, of my own diocese, who accompanied me thus far, I preached, and admitted Mr. Enoch Bailey, to the holy order of Deacons. The candidate was presented by the Rev. Mr. McElhiney, and I was assisted in the holy communion by the Rev. Dr. Humphreys, principal of St. John's college. The Rev. Messrs. Aisquith and Hutton were also present. In the afternoon, I preached again in the same church.

On Monday, the 18th, accompanied by the Rev. Mr. McElhiney, I went, through very inclement weather, to All Hallow's church, South River, where we found the rector, but no congregation.

On Friday, the 19th, after morning prayers by the Rev. Mr. Owen, I admitted the Rev. Samuel C. Kerr, deacon, minister of the church, to the holy order of priests. The candidate was presented by the Rev. Mr. McElhiney, and I was assisted in the holy communion by the Rev. Mr. Hoffman. The Rev. Mr. Trapnell was also present.

On Wednesday, the 20th, Ember day, I preached in Trinity church, Upper Marlborough.

On Thursday, the 21st, I preached in St. Matthew's chapel, and confirmed three persons.

On Friday, the 22d, Ember day, I preached in St. Barnabas' church, Prince George's county, and confirmed twelve persons.

On Saturday, 23d, Ember day, I preached in Broad creek church, Prince George's county, and confirmed one person.

On the second Sunday in lent, St. Matthew's day, in St. John's church, Washington city, in the morning, I baptized the rector's infant son, preached, and confirmed six persons. In the afternoon, I preached, and confirmed nine persons in Christ church, in that city. In the evening, in Trinity church, in the same city, I preached and confirmed nine persons.

On Monday, the 25th, in St. John's church, Georgetown, I preached, and confirmed three persons. And on Wednesday, the 27th, in Christ church, in the same place, I preached and confirmed ten persons.

On Thursday, the 28th, I consecrated St. Mark's church, Montgomery county, preached, confirmed five persons and administered the holy communion. The Rev. Mr. Pinkney, the rector, and the Rev. Mr. Owen were present and assisting.

On Saturday evening, the 13th of April, I preached in St. Paul's church, Worcester parish, Berlin, on the Eastern shore. And on the second Sunday after Easter, the 14th, after morning prayers by the Rev. Mr. Robins, I preached, confirmed seven persons, admitted the Rev. Warner Hoyt, deacon minister of the parish, to the holy order of priests, and administered the holy communion. The candidate was presented by the Rev. Mr. McElhiney, who accompanied me through the remainder of the visitation, and I was assisted in the holy communion by the Rev. Mr. Adams of the diocese of Virginia.

In the evening of the same day, I preached in the church of All Hallows parish, Worcester county, Snowhill. And on the next day Monday, the 15th, I preached, and confirmed five persons in the same church.

In the afternoon of the same day, I preached in the chapel of Coventry parish, Dividing creek.

On Tuesday morning, the 16th, in the parish church of Coventry parish, Rehoboth, I preached, and administered the holy communion.

On Wednesday morning, the 17th, in the parish church of Somerset parish, Princess Anne, I preached, and administered the holy communion. In the afternoon, I preached in Monie chapel, in the same parish.

On Thursday morning, the 18th, I consecrated St. Mary's chapel, Tyaskin, Stepney parish, preached, and confirmed eleven persons. The Rev. Messrs. McElhiney, Waters, Crosdale, and Adams, of the diocese of Virginia, were present and assisting.

In the evening of the same day, in the chapel of Springhill parish, Salisbury, I preached, and confirmed six persons.

On Friday, the 19th, in the parish church of Springhill parish, after morning prayers by the Rev. Mr. Hoyt, assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Crosdale and Bailey, I preached, admitted the rector, the Rev. Richard Henry Waters, deacon, to the holy order of priests, confirmed twenty-seven persons, and administered the holy communion. The candidate was presented by the Rev. Mr. McElhiney, and I was assisted in the communion by the Rev. Mr. McKenney.

In the evening of the same day, I preached in the Methodist meeting house at Vienna.

On Saturday morning, the 20th, in the parish church of Great Choptank parish, in Cambridge, I preached, and confirmed five persons.

In the evening of the same day, I preached in Christ church, Easton.

On the third Sunday after Easter, the 21st, I consecrated St. John's chapel, at Miles river, in St. Michael's parish, Talbot county, preached, confirmed two persons and administered the holy communion. The Rev. Drs. Spencer and Mason, and the Rev. Messrs. McElhiney, McKenney, Bayne, Robinson, Kerr and Bailey were present and assisting.

In the evening of the same day, in Christ church, Easton, I preached, and confirmed twenty-seven persons.

On Monday morning, the 22d, in St. Paul's church, Centreville, I preached, and confirmed eight persons.

In the evening of the same day, I preached in the parish church of Chester parish, Chestertown. On Tuesday morning the 23d, in the same church, I preached and confirmed eleven persons.

In the afternoon of the same day, I preached in St. Paul's church, Kent county.

In the evening of the same day, I preached again, the third time, in the parish church at Chestertown, and confirmed two persons, making thirteen in that parish.

The sum of my Episcopal services is as follows—visited 39 churches; preached 44 times; confirmed 231 persons; ordained one deacon and three priests; and consecrated 3 churches.

Applications for Episcopal services in several other parishes were made, after it had become impossible for me to comply with them, in consequence of the appointments for the visitation of my own diocese.

I have thus confined myself to a simple statement of facts, from considerations which seem to me of obvious propriety. My warm-

est thanks are due to my reverend brethen of the clergy for their kind reception of my services, and for the readiness with which they accompanied me. In no instance was I left alone, and frequently our "company of preachers" was not less than eight or nine. I have formed acquaintances, and renewed associations, which will be cherished through life, and renewed, I trust, in a better country. Nothing could exceed the generous reception which I met with in every parish from the laity—not even the proverbial reputation of Maryland—hospitality. The most delicate attentions, and the utmost readiness, to make my journies easy and my labours lighter, were manifested everywhere. May the good Lord graciously reward them sevenfold into their bosom.

I hope it will not be thought a departure from the proprieties of this occasion, if I state strongly, what I strongly feel, my conviction of the admirable field which is opened, under God's providence, for strengthening and extending the influence of the church in Maryland; and of the urgent necessity, to the effectual accomplishment of this end, of securing, at the very earliest moment the services of a resident Bishop. A Bishop is emphatically *an overseer*. He must therefore be in his work, and of his work, and given up entirely to his work, if it would prosper in his hands. Most devoutly do I pray, that the convention soon about to meet, may be divinely guided to this great and most desirable result: that the diocese of Maryland, with a pastor after God's own heart, to arouse her latent energies, and direct them to their proper end, may take her just position in the forefront of the sacramental host, and approve herself "mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds, casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ."

Affectionately and faithfully your brother in Christ,

G. W. DOANE,

Bishop of the Diocese of New Jersey.

Riverside, Monday in Whitsun-week, 1839.

It was on motion resolved unanimously, that the foregoing communication be accepted and spread on the journal.

The committee on the rights of clergymen to seats in this convention, made their report in favour of the following gentlemen, which was accepted:

Rev. Henry Aisquith,	Rev. Clement F. Jones,
" Charles C. Austin,	" Henry S. Keppler,
" Walter D. Addison,	" John R. Keech,
" James Abercrombie,	" Samuel C. Kerr,
" Henry H. Bean,	" George McElhiney,
" Thomas Billopp,	" George L. Mackenheimer,
" Upton Beall,	" R. Mitchell,
" Thomas Bayne,	" Alexander M. Marbury,
" Olcott Bulkley,	" James A. McKenney,
" Enoch Bailey,	" Henry M. Mason,
" William F. Chesley,	" John Owen,
" John Claxton,	" William Pinkney,
" Henry Crosdale,	" Robert Prout,
" John Delaplane,	" Richard H. Phillips,
" William Duke,	" Robert Piggot,
" Ira A. Easter,	" Joshua Peterkin,
" Levin I. Gilliss,	" J. J. Robertson,
" Robert W. Goldsborough,	" John P. Robinson,
" Robt. Lloyd Goldsborough,	" John P. Robins,
" Matthias Harris,	" Joseph Spencer,
" Hugh T. Harrison,	" Philip Slaughter,
" William Hawley,	" Joseph Trapnell,
" J. P. K. Henshaw,	" Joseph Trapnell, Jr.
" Warner Hoyt,	" Edwin M. Van Deusen,
" Hector Humphreys,	" William E. Wyatt,
" Alfred Holmead,	" John Wiley,
" Orlando Hutton,	" Lemuel Wilmer,
" John Johns,	" Henry Williams,
" Leonard H. Johns,	" Simon Wilmer,
" Norris M. Jones,	" R. H. Waters.

The committee on establishing a depot for the sale of books, &c., made the following report, which was concurred in :

The committee to whom were referred the resolution "to ascertain the practicability of establishing, in the city of Baltimore, a depot for the Tract, Sunday School, and other publications of the Protestant Episcopal church," beg leave to report, that they waited on Mr. N. Hickman, bookseller, of this city, to ascertain his willingness to undertake the agency of keeping for sale the publications aforesaid at cost, and that Mr. Hickman has expressed his willingness to undertake the said agency, and to sell said publications at cost.

Your committee, therefore, beg leave to propose the following resolutions for adoption by this convention :

Resolved, That Mr. N. Hickman be appointed the authorized agent for the diocese of Maryland, for selling and keeping for sale, the religious publications of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Resolved, That this convention recommend to the agent of the Protestant Episcopal press to establish an agency in the city of Baltimore, for the sale of such publications as have issued from the press.

Resolved, That this convention through the chairman of this committee recommend Mr. N. Hickman to the agent of the Protestant Episcopal press as a suitable person to undertake said agency in the city of Baltimore.

Resolved, That each member of this convention be requested to contribute a sum not less than \$1, for the purpose of placing a sufficient amount in the hands of Mr. Hickman, as the commencement of a fund for the purchase of tracts, and other publications of the church, which money thus contributed shall be returned in publications to said contributors.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the clergy, and the friends of the church in this diocese, to purchase such publications of the church as they may need, at the store of Mr. N. Hickman.

NORRIS M. JONES, *Chairman*.

M. HARRIS,

HANSON PENN,

JAMES HOWARD.

The committee on elections made their report, stating that all the lay delegates were entitled to seats. The names of the members and the parishes which they represented, will be found at the close of the journal.

It was on motion resolved, That the committee on parochial contributions be and they are hereby directed to examine, and adjust all claims for expenses attending the late progress of the Rt. Rev. Bishop Doane through this diocese, and that the same be paid by the treasurer of the convention, out of the Episcopal fund which is now, or may hereafter come into his hands.

A committee consisting of the Rev. Mr. McElhiney, Rev. Mr. Peterkin and Rev. Mr. Gilliss, was appointed to communicate to the Rt. Rev. Bishop Doane, the respectful and grateful acknowledgements of this convention for his kindness in performing Episcopal services in this diocese.

The committee appointed at the last convention, to enquire whether the executors of the late Bishop Stone is entitled to receive the money then paid to the Bishop's fund, report as follows:

The committee appointed to enquire whether the executor of the late Bishop Stone is entitled to receive the money paid to the Bishop's fund, respectfully report:

That from the tenor of the journals of the convention and information received, your committee incline to believe that the annual assessment for the support of the Episcopate in this diocese was intended to be a prospective measure, and with that view of the subject did not feel authorized by the resolution passed by the convention to direct the treasurer to pay the amount collected in Centreville to the executor of our late diocesan without some further act of this body.

For the correct understanding of this matter, it may be proper to state, that Bishop Stone was elected Bishop of Maryland in June, 1830, when no provision was made for his support. He commenced his labours in the following autumn immediately after his consecration without receiving any compensation from the diocese until the meeting of the convention in 1831. At that time as appears by the journal, the small sum of \$386 was paid to the Bishop's fund, and the assessment directed by that convention to be levied on the several parishes was not realized until the convention of 1832, when it produced \$756.50. By this statement it will appear that from October 1830, until June 1832, a period of twenty months, the Bishop only received the comparatively small amount of \$1142.50. Under those circumstances your committee not having the power to act definitely in the matter, do not hesitate to say that it is reasonable that the executor of the Bishop should receive a proportion of the fund paid in at Centreville at the last annual convention, and in the opinion of the committee two-thirds thereof. The adoption of the following resolution is therefore respectfully recommended.

Resolved, That the treasurer of the convention be and he is hereby directed to pay to the executor of the late Bishop Stone, two thirds of the money paid to the Episcopal fund during the annual convention of 1833. All to which is respectfully submitted,

SAML. I. DONALDSON,
F. ANDERSON,
R. B. MAGRUDER.

The above report was amended, by striking out of the resolution, the words "two-thirds," so as to read, "the money." Thus appropriating the whole, (instead of two-thirds) of the amount collected: and was passed, with this amendment.

The committee of accounts presented the following report, which was accepted.

The committee appointed to examine the accounts of the treasurer of the convention, respectfully report, that they have examined all the accounts and vouchers furnished, and find them all to be correct.

JOHN WILEY, *Chairman*.

DR. *Convention Fund of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Maryland, in acc't with R. H. Owen, Treas'r.* CR.

1838		1838			
Jan. 11	To cash paid R. M. Hall, 2 years salary, as per voucher, No. 1, - - - -	\$100 00	May 29	By balance due convention fund, - - - -	\$14 6
	To cash paid incidental expenses, as per voucher, No. 1, - - - -	13 25	June 6	By convention fund received at Centreville, - -	336 67
12	To cash paid Sexton of St. Paul's church, Centreville, as per voucher, No. 2, - - - -	10 00	29	By St. John's church, Elk Ridge, contribution for 1837 and 1838, - - - -	12 00
26	To cash paid Dr. J. Johns' expenses attending standing committee, as per voucher No. 3, - -	31 56		By William and Mary's, Charles county, contribution, 4 years, - - - -	24 00
July 20	To cash paid Lucas & Deaver for printing 800 copies journal of convention, as pr. voucher 4, -	101 00	Aug. 8	By Christ church, Balto. special tax, 1838, \$60 00	
	To cash paid Rev. George M'Elhiney, attending standing committee, as per voucher No. 5, -	9 00		By Spring Hill & Stepney parish, paid at last Convention, 1838, - -	14 00
Aug. 8	To cash paid General Convention, assessment for 1837 and 1838, as per voucher No. 6, -	63 00		By St. John's church, Washington, 1838, -	15 00
	To cash paid R. M. Hall, Sec'y, pr. order special convention, as per voucher No. 7, - - - -	50 00		paid at last convention, - - - -	15 00
	To cash paid incidental expenses special convention, as per voucher No. 8, - - - -	9 31		By St. Bartholomew's parish, Montgomery county, 1838, - -	7 00
7	To cash paid Sexton of St. Paul's church, Balt., at special convention, as pr. voucher No. 8, -	10 00		By Christ church, Calvert county, 1838, -	7 00
	To cash paid Rev. F. L. Laird, attending general convention, 1835, as per voucher No. 9, -	40 00		By St. Mary Ann's parish, N. E. Cecil county, 1838, - - - -	7 00
sep. 4	To cash paid Rev. Geo. M'Elhiney, attending general convention, 1832, as pr. voucher 10 -	50 00		By All Saints, Calvert county, 1838, -	11 00
Dec. 1	To cash paid Lucas & Deaver printing 800 copies journal of convention, as per voucher No. 11, -	50 00	8	By St. James' parish, West river Anne Arundel county, 1838, - -	15 00
	To cash paid Rev. J. G. Blanchard's heirs expenses general convention, 1832, as per voucher No. 12, - - - -	40 00	30	By Trinity church, Upper Marlborough, 1838, - - - -	7 00
	Balance due the convention, - - - -	13 61		By St. John's, Balt. & Harford co. 1838, -	7 00
				By Christ church, Washington city, 1838, -	7 00
				By St. John's church, Elk Ridge, 1838, -	7 00
				By Port Tobacco parish, Charles co. 1838, -	7 00
				By St. Ann's parish, Annapolis, 1838, -	22 00
				By St. Thomas' parish, Balto. co. 1838, -	11 00
					204 00
					590 73

BALTIMORE, May 29th, 1839.

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R. H. OWEN,

The TREASURER of the convention charged with the funds for the support of THE EPISCOPATE, begs leave respectfully to state, that since his last annual report, the fund which then consisted of seven shares of bank stock, - - - - - \$525 60

In Savings bank of Baltimore, - - - - - 1434 08

Making together, - - - - - \$1,959 08

has increased from the following sources, deposited in the Savings bank of Baltimore :

4 Dividends Union Bank of Maryland to January inclusive, 1839, - - - - -	\$68 25	
4 Dividends Savings Bank of Baltimore, April last, \$119 82, and extra do. for 3 years \$87, - - - - -	206 82	
6 months interest on loan of \$1,000, to Wm. Reynolds, in 15 shares of Union Bank stock transferred, - - - - -	30 00	
		<u>\$305 07</u>

He has received from committee pr. Mr. I'Anson, paid at convention, Centreville, - - - \$1040 83

From St. Bartholomew's parish, Montgomery county, - - - - - 10 00

From St Margaret's parish, Anne Arundel co. \$20 ; St. John's church, Elk Ridge, 1837 & 1838, \$20, - - - - - 40 00

From William and Mary's, Charles county, 1835, 6, 7 and 8, - - - - - 40 00

1130 83
1435 90

\$3394 98

From which deduct :

Bishop Stone received from Christ church, Calvert county, and credited as paid convention, - - - - - \$18 00

Bishop Stone's executors paid him William and Mary's parish contribution, - - - - - 40 00

Bishop Doane, paid back hire per order, - - - - - 10 00

68 00

Making present amount of the Episcopal Funds, \$3326 98

Disposed of in the following manner :

In Savings Bank of Baltimore, - - - - - \$1739 15

Union Bank of Maryland Stock, - - - - - 526 50

Loan in Stock, - - - - - 1000 00

In hands of the Treasurer, - - - - - 62 83

\$3326 98

BALTIMORE, May 29th, 1839.

R. H. OWEN, Treasurer.

It was then on motion, *Resolved*, That this convention now go into an election for a Bishop of this diocese. The president then left the chair, having previously called to it Rev. Mr. McElhiney.

The Rev. Dr. Wyatt and the Rev. Dr. Johns were nominated for the Episcopal office. The Rev. Mr. McKenney and the Rev. Dr. Henshaw, were appointed tellers.

Agreeably to former usage, five minutes was spent in silent prayer, previously to going into the election; the house then divided and the clergy went into a ballot, the result of which was announced by the tellers, to be, for the Rev. Dr. Johns, 29 votes; Rev. Dr. Wyatt, 26 votes.

A motion was then made to suspend the balloting, in order to submit the following proposition: *Resolved*, That the committee appointed to confer this morning, be requested to retire and again endeavour to nominate a candidate for the office of Bishop; and the members of this convention pledge themselves to support such nomination, unless any member objecting to such arrangement, shall rise and declare the fact, previous to the passage of this resolution.

The following substitute for the above resolution was offered, and accepted: *Resolved*, That the Rev. Dr. Wyatt and the Rev. Dr. Johns, be appointed a committee of conference to recommend to the clergy a suitable person as Bishop of this diocese.

It was then moved and seconded: that whereas, a committee has been appointed to recommend to the clergy a candidate for the office of Bishop of this diocese, and with a view to allow the said committee time for deliberation, *Resolved*, That the convention now adjourn to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

This resolution was suspended by consent of the mover, and the following resolutions which had been laid on the table, were taken up and severally passed;

Resolved, That the missionary stations within this diocese, be relieved from all taxation, except for the support of the Episcopate.

Resolved, That the arrearages now due from such stations be remitted.

Resolved, That the report of the committee on the application of St. Andrew's church, Clear Spring, be accepted.

The committee appointed to report on the application to authorize the forming of a separate congregation in St. John's parish, Washington county, respectfully submit:

By the document presented to the convention it appears that a separate congregation has been agreed to be formed in said parish under the name of St. Andrew's church, Clear Spring, Washington county.

The committee report the following resolution, *Resolved*, That the leave of the convention be given as required by the 13th canon, to the formation of a separate congregation in St. John's parish, in Washington county, to be called St. Andrew's church, Clear Spring;

and that when said congregation shall be incorporated under the laws of the State, it shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of other congregations or parishes in this diocese.

CHARLES C. AUSTIN,
J. HOWARD,
R. NEILSON.

It was on motion, *Resolved*, That in all future elections of delegates to the general convention, two clergymen and two laymen be elected from the Western Shore, and two clergymen and two laymen be elected from the Eastern Shore.

Resolved, That a committee of eight, consisting of four clergymen and four laymen be appointed to take into consideration the more permanent settlement of clergymen in their several parishes, than exists at present in Maryland, the minimum amount of salary they shall receive, and the punctual payment of the same by their respective vestries and congregations. Committee appointed on this resolution, Rev. Mr. Claxton, Rev. Mr. Gilliss, Rev. Mr. Chesley, and Rev. Mr. Robins. Gov. Veazey, J. G. Chapman, Esq., Wm. Carmichael, Esq.

Resolved, That all the notices of the meetings of the convention, or of any other public matter in reference to the church in Maryland, be published by the secretary of the convention in the Churchman, Episcopal Recorder, Banner of the Cross, Metropolitan and Southern Churchman; for one month, or as long as practicable, before the meeting takes place.

The Rev. Drs. Wyatt and Johns, appointed as a committee of conference to recommend to the clergy a suitable person for the office of Bishop,—report, that although as individuals they could agree in nominating a person in their estimation qualified for the office of Bishop, yet they regret their inability to select one so likely to obtain the constitutional majority of votes as to warrant their presenting his name to the consideration of the convention. Believing however, that the former committee of conference may effect what under these circumstances we forbear to attempt, we respectfully recommend the reference of the subject to their consideration.

The above report was accepted and the subject referred to the former committee of conference as recommended.

The committee on parochial contributions made the following report, which was accepted.

The committee appointed to receive the annual contributions from the different parishes, to the Bishop's and convention funds, beg leave to report to the convention, that they have received the following sums, viz :

NAMES OF PARISHES, &c.	Convention Fund.	Bishop's Fund.
From St. Stephen's Parish, Cecil county,	\$17 00	\$10 00
Christ Church, Georgetown, D. C.	36 00	30 00
Trinity Parish, Cecil county,	19 00	20 00
St. Matthew's, Prince George's county,	13 00	8 00
Christ Church Parish, Calvert county,	6 00	10 00
Queen Anne's Parish, Prince George's county,	14 00	30 00
St. Paul's Parish, Queen Anne's county,	9 00	17 00
William and Mary Parish, Charles county,	24 00	10 00
Severn Church, Anne Arundel county,	6 00	10 00
St. Peter's Parish, Talbot county,	36 00	30 00
Durham Parish, Charles county,	7 00	
Sherwood Chapel, Baltimore county,	8 42	
All Hallows' Parish, Anne Arundel county,	13 00	10 00
St. Anne's Parish, Annapolis,	14 00	30 00
William and Mary Parish, St. Mary's county,	18 00	15 00
Trinity Church, Upper Marlborough,	6 00	10 00
All Faith Parish, St. Mary's county,	6 00	
Rock Creek Church, District of Columbia,	6 00	10 00
St. John's Parish, Baltimore and Harford counties,	6 00	10 00
Coventry Parish, Somerset county,	18 00	10 00
Christ Church, St. John's Parish, Prince George's county,	13 00	
Somerset Parish, Somerset county,	13 00	4 00
St. John's Church, Baltimore county,	7 00	
Christ Church Parish, Kent Island,	6 00	
Prince George's Parish, Montgomery county,	3 00	10 00
St. Bartholomew's Parish, Montgomery county,		10 00
St. Mark's Parish, Frederick county,	21 00	10 00
All Saints' Parish, Calvert county, (add \$4, paid to the Sec.)	7 00	11 00
Christ's Church, Baltimore,	36 00	30 00
Spee's Church, St. George's Parish, Harford county,	6 50	5 00
St. John's Church, same Parish,	6 50	5 00
Stepney Parish, Somerset county,	6 00	
Shrewsbury Parish, Kent county,	13 00	10 00
Great Choptank Parish, Dorset county,	13 00	10 00
St. Thomas's Parish, Baltimore county,	7 00	
Zion Parish, Prince George's county,	19 00	13 00
Trinity Parish, Washington City,	20 00	10 00
Spring Hill Parish, Somerset county,	6 00	
St. Andrew's Parish, Baltimore,	14 00	
Chester Parish, Kent county,	24 00	20 00
Zion Parish, Frederick county,	13 00	10 00
St. Peter's Parish, Montgomery county,	13 00	
St. Paul's, Sharpsburg, Washington county,	13 00	3 00
St. Mary Ann's Church, Cecil county,	7 00	
King and Queen Parish, St. Mary's county,	6 00	10 00
St. James's Parish, Anne Arundel county,	9 00	
St. Andrew's Parish, St. Mary's county,	6 00	
All Hallows' Parish, Worcester county,	13 00	10 00
Trinity Parish, Charles county,	6 00	10 00
St. James' Parish, Baltimore county,	6 00	
Worcester Parish, Worcester county,	11 00	3 00
St. Margaret's Parish, Westminster, Anne Arundel county,	24 00	20 00
St. Paul's Parish, Kent county,	6 00	10 00
Broad Creek Parish, Prince George's county,	19 00	3 00
Christ's Church, Washington City,	6 00	10 00
St. John's Church, Queen Caroline Parish, Anne Arundel county,	6 00	10 00
	\$766 42	\$556 00

Say, seven hundred and six dollars and forty-two cents for the convention fund, and five hundred and eighty-six dollars for the Bishop's fund.

HENRY M. MASON,
H. C. SCOTT,
M. C. JONES.

The following sums were paid to the secretary and handed over to the treasurer.

	Convention.	Bishop.	Assessment.
St. Michael's Parish, Talbot county,	9	10	15
St. John's Parish, Hagerstown,	9	20	
Port Tobacco Parish, Charles county,	6	10	
All Saints' Parish, Fredericktown,			22
St. Augustine Parish, Cecil county,	7		
St. John's Parish, Washington City,	14	19	7
St. Paul's Parish, Baltimore,	45	100	76
St. Paul's Parish, Prince George's county,	9	20	15
	<hr/> 99	<hr/> 179	<hr/> 135
Convention fund,		\$805	42
Bishop's fund,		765	00
Assessment,		135	00
Total amount received,		<hr/> \$1705	42

The committee of conference appeared and offered the following report:

The committee of conference beg leave to report, that they have most seriously and earnestly considered the subject confided to them, and in the spirit of conciliation which they commend to the convention, they have not been able to unite with entire unanimity on a candidate to be presented.

The majority of the committee have resolved to offer the names of Dr. Benjamin Dorr, of Philadelphia, and Dr. Francis L. Hawks, of New York, with the proposal, that a ballot be taken between them by the convention on joint ballot, and that such balloting be continued till one of them receive two-thirds of the whole number of votes, which person thus selected by a vote of two-thirds, shall be thereupon presented to the clergy, to be elected according to the forms of the constitution.

The Rev. Mr. Hawley and the Rev. Mr. McKenney who were in the minority, protested against the report.

The above report was accepted by the house, which proceeded to

an election accordingly. A vote of the whole body was first taken ; the result was :

For the Rev. Dr. Dorr,	66 votes.
“ Dr. Hawkes,	42 “
“ Dr. Johns,	1 “
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Total number of votes taken	109 “

The clergy then proceeded to ballot, and the result was as follows :

For the Rev. Dr. Dorr,	40 votes.
“ Dr. Hawkes,	4 “
“ Dr. Johns,	5 “
Blanks,	3 “
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Whole number of votes taken,	52 “

The Rev. Dr. Dorr was then presented to the laity, and the election resulted :

For the Rev. Dr. Dorr,	46 votes.
“ Dr. Johns,	1 “
Blanks,	2 “
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Whole number of votes taken	49 “

The result of the election being announced, the Rev. Dr. Dorr was declared to be duly elected Bishop of this diocese ; and the testimonial required by the third canon of the general convention, was forthwith prepared and signed by the members present.

Adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY, *June 1st.*

The convention met at 9 o'clock, according to adjournment.

Morning prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. McKenney.

The roll was called and the minutes of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

The Rev. Drs. Wyatt and Johns were appointed a committee to inform the Rev. Dr. Dorr of his election.

It was on motion *Resolved*, that the next convention meet in the city of Baltimore.

A representation being made to the convention, of the inability of St. Mary Ann's parish, Cecil county, to pay the debt now due by the said parish to the convention and Bishop's fund : It was on motion *Resolved*, that the said parish be released from payment of the aforesaid debt.

An election was made for the standing committee for the ensuing year, resulting as follows :

The Rev. DR. WYATT,	}	<i>Were elected for the Western Shore.</i>
" DR. JOHNS,		
" DR. HENSHAW,		
" GEORGE McELHINEY,		
The Rev. DR. SPENCER,	}	<i>Were elected for the Eastern Shore.</i>
" DR. MASON,		
" C. F. JONES,		

On motion, *Resolved*, that the report of the committee on the Episcopal fund, be now taken up for consideration, which having been read and amended, was accepted.

Report on the subject of a permanent Episcopal fund :

After the election of the Rt. Rev. Dr. Kemper to the Episcopate of this diocese, the late special convention passed a resolution for the appointment of a committee, to report to this convention, some plan for raising a permanent Episcopal fund. The committee appointed under the resolution alluded to,* beg leave to offer the following report :

That the Episcopal office is not only essential to the perfect organization of the church, but powerfully instrumental in promoting its prosperity and edification, is the universal sentiment of churchmen. How to give this divinely constituted office the greatest possible efficiency, is a question of deep interest and moment. The committee are of opinion, that a Bishop of Maryland cannot be what the name imports, and what the Head of the Church undoubtedly intended—an *overseer* of the clergy and laity within his jurisdiction—unless he be released from the charge of a parish. There is no parish which does not afford employment enough for the most active, zealous and energetic mind. Let the sphere of a minister be ever so contracted he cannot find a valid excuse for idleness, in the allegation that he has nothing to do. Such a spirit as burned in the bosom of St. Paul when he saw the city of the Athenians, wholly given to idolatry, will never complain for want of work, in the most obscure and insignificant corner of the Master's vineyard. The ministry of reconciliation, in each of its orders, and in every one of its departments of labour, involves an amount of responsibility and exertion, which taxes to the utmost, all the powers and faculties of man. Indeed one

*The Rev. Dr. Wyatt, who had been appointed chairman, had withdrawn from the committee.

of the most gifted of our race has truly intimated, that no man is sufficient for these things. Is it not manifest then, that if we require the same individual to be both a Bishop and a parish priest, we make it impossible for him to be properly either? The combination of the two offices must inevitably diminish their efficiency. Are we justified in calling upon our chief earthly shepherd both to serve a single congregation and to superintend a diocese, when abilities and graces tenfold greater than belong to any human being, might find profitable exercise in the appropriate duties of the Episcopate? Surely this is imposing a burthen which cannot be borne. Just so much of the Bishop's time as we compel him to bestow in the pastoral engagements of a parish, we abstract from the more important business of his higher function. Why should offices so clearly incompatible as the diocesan and the parochial, ever be united? To take care of ninety-four congregations, (for such is the number at present within the limits of Maryland) is certainly as great a task as any man, however splendid his endowments, can be expected adequately to perform. The Bishop of Maryland ought to remain long enough in every parish of his diocese, to acquaint himself thoroughly with its spiritual state, its numerical strength, the character of its population, its pecuniary ability, and all other matters conducive to the wise and advantageous administration of his office. If a real, not a pretended, supervision is to be exercised, less than this cannot be exacted. It may well be doubted, whether to ride post haste through the parishes once a year or once in two years, (and no Bishop incumbered with a parochial charge can do more) be all that was contemplated by Jesus Christ, in the institution of the Episcopal office. Can the Bishop form a well advised judgment concerning the state of a parish, merely by looking at the congregation assembled to hear him preach? To govern and oversee the portion of Christ's sheep committed to his care, is certainly as much the Bishop's duty as to do any other act peculiar to his function. Holding these views respecting the Episcopal office, the committee recommend that a salary of \$3,500 per annum be raised for the Bishop, that a permanent fund in addition to the one already existing, of at least \$40,000 be immediately raised, and that the present tax on the parishes for the support of the Episcopate be continued. In order to carry out this plan, they propose the adoption by the convention of the following resolutions:

1st. *Resolved*, that the welfare of the church requires the separation of the Bishop from the pastoral charge of a parish.

2d. *Resolved*, that this convention will endeavour to raise a salary of \$3,500 for the Bishop.

3d. *Resolved*, that an agent be chosen by ballot at this convention from among the parochial clergy of the diocese, with a view to the collection of a permanent fund, of at least \$40,000 in addition to the one already existing, for the support of the Episcopate.

4th. *Resolved*, that the agent when thus chosen, be required to commence the work of soliciting subscriptions in the city of Baltimore, immediately after the final adjournment of this convention.

5th. *Resolved*, that this convention deem it the imperative duty of every parish clergyman in the diocese, before the agent makes application to his people, to preach a sermon, earnestly commending the object to their liberality, and setting forth the great benefit justly to be expected from making the Episcopate independent of a parish.

6th. *Resolved*, that the standing committee be authorised to procure a substitute, to serve the parish of the agent during the continuance of his appointment; and that the treasurer of the convention be requested to pay the said substitute, out of the annual contributions towards the support of the Episcopate now in hand, at the rate of \$600 per annum, for his services.

7th. *Resolved*, that the treasurer of the convention be authorised to furnish the agent with money to defray his expenses, out of the annual contributions towards the support of the Episcopate now in hand.

8th. *Resolved*, that the present tax on the parishes for the support of the Episcopate, be continued.

(Signed.)

ALEXANDER C. MAGRUDER.

SAMUEL I. DONALDSON.

THOMAS S. ALEXANDER.

GEORGE MCELHINEY.

The first of the above resolutions was amended by adding the words *so soon as an adequate support is procured for him by the convention*.

The second resolution was amended by striking out \$3,500, and inserting \$3,400.

The third resolution was amended by striking out \$40,000, and inserting \$60,000; and also, by inserting the words *or agents* after the word agent.

The fifth resolution was amended so as to make it read as follows:

Resolved, that this convention request every parish clergyman in the diocese, before the agent or agents make application to his people, earnestly to commend the object to their liberality.

The sixth and seventh resolutions were withdrawn by the committee.

The convention received the report and adopted the resolutions as amended.

The resolutions as adopted are as follows:

1st. *Resolved*, that the welfare of the church requires the separation of the Bishop from the pastoral charge of a parish, so soon as an adequate support is procured for him by the convention.

2d. *Resolved*, that this convention will endeavour to raise a salary of \$3,400 for the Bishop.

3d. *Resolved*, that an agent or agents be chosen by ballot at this convention, from among the parochial clergy of the diocese, with a view to the collection of a permanent fund, of at least \$60,000 in addition to the one already existing, for the support of the Episcopate.

4th. *Resolved*, that the agent or agents when thus chosen, be requested to commence the work of soliciting subscriptions in the city of Baltimore, immediately after the final adjournment of this convention.

5th. *Resolved*, that this convention request every parish clergyman in the diocese, before the agent or agents make application to his people, earnestly to commend the object to their liberality.

6th. *Resolved*, that the present tax on the parishes for the support of the Episcopate, be continued.

The Rev. George McElhiney was appointed agent on behalf of the convention, to solicit subscriptions to the permanent fund, for the support of the Episcopate.

The convention authorised the standing committee to appoint another agent, in case the Rev. Mr. McElhiney be unable from sickness or other cause, to perform this service.

It was on motion *Resolved*, that the subscriptions to be taken by the agent, appointed under the preceding resolutions, be received in such form, and payable at such times, and in such manner, as the standing committee may prescribe, and that the monies which may be received by the agent before the next convention, shall be paid over to the treasurer, and by him invested under the direction of the standing committee, in the public stock of this state or some other state in this union; and that such act of incorporation or otherwise, be solicited from the next general assembly as may be necessary to assure the safety, permanency, profitable investment and application of said fund.

The petition to establish the division lines between Prince George's and St. Bartholomew's parishes, Montgomery county, was reported by the committee to whom the subject was referred, as right and

proper, and ought to be granted. The report of the committee was accepted, and the prayer of the petitioners granted accordingly.

The amendment proposed at the last convention, to add to the fifth article of the constitution, the following proviso, to be added immediately after the words "duly elected": "Provided, that whenever it shall be proposed to elect an assistant Bishop of this diocese, notice thereof shall be given at an annual convention, and the election shall take place at the succeeding annual convention:" was called up and passed.

Proposed amendment to the 7th article of the constitution.

It was on motion *Resolved*, that it be made known to the several vestries, that it is proposed to amend the seventh article of the constitution of the church in this diocese, by striking out the words in the commencement of said article, "In case of, &c." to "he shall," both inclusive, and substituting therefor, the following words, viz :

During a vacancy in the Episcopal office, the next convention, and each annual convention thereafter, immediately on assembling, shall choose by joint ballot, a President from among the order of priests ; and, until such election shall be made, the secretary shall be the presiding officer.

"The president shall"—

The following parochial reports were handed to the secretary and directed to be placed on the journal :

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

St. Paul's Parish—Baltimore.

The Rector of St. Paul's usually confines himself to an annunciation of the baptisms, communicants, persons confirmed, marriages and deaths, which have occurred during the preceding twelve months. Since the last convention the baptisms were 55, of which 10 were adults;—36 persons were confirmed by the Rt. Rev. Dr. Doane—The communicants are 345; marriages were 20; and funerals 31.

But it sometimes happens that a knowledge of additional facts contributes to a just appreciation of the state of a parish. During the last twelve months, extensive repairs had become necessary for the church edifice: and a new roof of zinc; a wall of granite to the church yard; and another upon the south side of the grave yard, together with the remedy of defects which originally existed, or were occasioned by the service of twenty-two years, have called for large sums of money from the congregation. A new gallery has been erected in the western end of the church, furnishing twelve pews, more commodious and agreeable than almost any others in the building. But the cost of this gallery has been defrayed by the sale of half the pews which it contains. To the liberality of one individual the congregation are indebted for the beautiful painting, in fresco, of the whole interior of the church. The rector has not a memorandum of the sums collected for the institutions of the Protestant Episcopal Church, during the year—but \$226 38, were recently collected for the corporation of the widows and orphans of clergymen.

A society of the ladies of St. Paul's Parish has been in existence for some time, designed to contribute by the proceeds of their industry and taste to the various objects of christian charity. Since January, 1838, this society has appropriated \$400 to enlarge the Kemp Scholarship at the General Seminary in N. York—\$300 to aid in the establishment of a church contemplated in the western precincts of Baltimore—\$700 towards the purchase of a new Sunday School and Bible Class Rooms for St. Paul's—and between one and two hundred dollars more for several minor objects. Thus, in a short period, nearly \$1600 have been added to the means of moral improvement, and to the sources of christian benevolence, through the employment of some leisure hours of a society of females in one congregation.

W. E. WYATT, *Rector.*

St. Peter's Church—Baltimore.

Baptisms—adults, 5—children 30,	-	-	-	-	35
Communicants,	-	-	-	-	374
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	17
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	29

The condition of the Charity and Sunday Schools is very much the same as last reported. The burning of the lecture room, attached to this church, has subjected the congregation to much inconvenience: but it is now being rebuilt, and will soon be in use again. The charitable contributions continue to be liberal; and the "Scholarship Society," in addition to the support of beneficiary students of theology, has sustained a missionary in the western part of the city, and aided in the support of the minister of St. James African church during the past year.

J. P. K. HENSHAW, *Rector*.

Christ's Church—Baltimore.

Communicants removed by death, &c.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Present number,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	244
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17
Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	29
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Contributions for charitable purposes, \$2,000.									

J. JOHNS, *Rector*.

St. Andrew's Church—Baltimore.

Baptisms—1 adult, 54 infants,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	55
There have been 7 communicants added, but owing to deaths and removals, the number remains as last reported,									
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	35
Sunday Schools—Male teachers 4, scholars, 40									
Do do Female do 8, do									50
In all 12 teachers, and 90 scholars.									

The undersigned has had charge of this congregation since October last. The former rector is associated with him, and they preach alternately at this and St. James' church.

The new church edifice for the use of this congregation, reported as commenced at the last convention, is still in progress; and with the Divine blessing will be ready for consecration by the close of the approaching summer. The building committee deserve great praise for their assiduous and unwearied attention to the many and perplexing cares which must grow out of the supervision of such a building; and the judicious manner in which they have managed and expended the funds of the congregation. Our condition at present is somewhat embarrassed, owing to the immediate want of funds to proceed with the building. It is, however, perfectly safe, as a single remark will show. The sale of the pews on the ground floor, at a very moderate estimate, will exceed the cost of the church by several thousand dollars; and its location is such (it being the only Protestant Episcopal Church east of the falls) as to warrant the expectation that it must rapidly fill up after its consecration. The surplus

fund which would accrue from the sale of all the pews could be applied to the purchase of a parsonage for the rector.

The congregation are now worshipping in the basement of the new church; but owing to the number of accessions since their removal, it is becoming too small for their accommodation. For the want of suitable rooms and more teachers, our Sunday Schools are not in as flourishing a condition as could be desired. We hope to be more favorably situated at the completion of the church. We still labor under many inconveniences, and at times feel the pressure of pecuniary want in the erection of the church; but upon a review of the whole we have cause to "thank God and take courage."

H. S. KEPPLER, *Rector*.

St. James' Parish—Baltimore County.

The Rector of St. James' parish, Baltimore county, reports the condition of said parish to be rather encouraging than otherwise.

Present number of communicants,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40
Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Marriages—white 1, col'd 5,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6

Although during the past year of ministerial labor three only have been added to the communion of the church, yet there has been a greater degree of attention manifested by the parishioners with reference to the services of the sanctuary, and much more than ordinary interest displayed upon the subject of the souls salvation. Through the winter months, regular weekly meetings for religious purposes, were held, which, by the blessing of God, resulted most favorably in awakening attention, and turning the hearts of the people towards the never dying interests of the soul. The prayer of the rector is that the seed sown may have indeed fallen upon good ground, to produce to the glory of God, fruit abundantly.

ALFRED HOLMEAD, *Rector*
of *St. James' Parish, Baltimore County.*

St. John's Church—Washington City.

Communicants, white,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	113
Do colored,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Marriages, white,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16
Do colored,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34
Deaths,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5

WM. HAWLEY, *Rector*.

Trinity Parish—Washington, District of Columbia.

Baptisms—adults 1, infants, white 17, col'd 7,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25
Marriages, white,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Number of communicants per last report,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	144

Removed since,	- - - - -	23
Added,	- - - - -	24
Present number,	- - - - -	145
Sunday School teachers—male 4, female 11,	- -	15
Average attendance of children,	- - - - -	100

Monies contributed towards the following objects :

General Theological Seminary, for 1838,	- - -	\$30 00
Domestic Missions,	- - - - -	49 95
Foreign Missions,	- - - - -	39 96
Ladies' Beneficent Association of Trinity church,	- -	119 13½
Washington City Orphan Asylum,	- - - - -	50 00
St. Timothy's church, New York,	- - - - -	20 00
Missionary for the colored people of the City of Washington,		150 00
Alms, &c., received on Communion Sundays and applied agree- able to canon 52 of General Convention,	- -	149 64½
Baltimore Protestant Episcopal Female Tract Society,	-	10 00
Towards liquidating the debt on Trinity church, through the efforts of the ladies of the congregation,	- - -	950 00
		<hr/> \$1,568 69

A new plan has been adopted in the above parish for raising money in support of the cause of church missions. It is to date from the 1st of January last. The offerings to be received according to this plan are not yet collected, and this will explain how the sums named in this report are so small. The number of communicants in Trinity church, is considerably larger during the session of Congress than is stated above. It is always, however, in a great measure, of so fluctuating a character, as to render it extremely difficult to preserve an accurate list of them.

JOHN OWEN, *Rector.*

Christ Church—Washington Parish, Washington City.

Baptisms—adults 3, infants 33,	- - - - -	36
Confirmed,	- - - - -	9
Communicants—added,	- - - - -	13
Present number, about	- - - - -	110
Sunday School teachers—male 4, female 10,	- -	14
Sunday School scholars—male 51, female 64,	- -	115

The Rector in presenting his fourth report to the convention, would sincerely acknowledge his feelings of gratitude to the Great Head of the church for the success which has attended his labors. At the time of his acceptance of the call to take charge of this parish, it was in a low and unsettled condition. The church was in debt, upwards of a \$1000, and the pew rents amounted to merely the small sum of \$450. But now the debt of the church is liquidated, or she owes less than is due her; the pew rents have nearly doubled being now \$820; and instead of a small congregation, filling here and there a pew, a large and attentive congregation is regularly

in attendance, filling almost every pew contained in the church. It is true the number of communicants, as reported, and of Sunday School teachers and scholars, is smaller than formerly. But this arises from the inaccuracy of the old register, together with the excommunication of one and the withdrawal of other communicants, and the organization of another Sunday School in the immediate vicinity. Not a communion season has passed the present year without some accessions, and those who have been added have manifested suitable and satisfactory qualifications. There is still however room for improvement. We desire to see more liberality in sustaining the cause of religion and the church, more spirituality of mind, more deadness to the world, and we trust that God will enable us to behold this devoutly prayed for result of our labours.

HENRY H. BEAN, *Rector*.

Christ Church—Georgetown, D. C.

The Rector took charge of this parish about seven months since. He reports as follows :

Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
Confirmed,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
Burials,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Communicants—added,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Present number of communicants—white 140, colored 24,										164

The present state of religion in the congregation is not such as is to be wished; there are however some indications of improvement, enough of themselves to encourage the prayers of the faithful for a more abundant blessing.

JOHN FRANCIS HOFF.

St. John's Church—Georgetown, D. C.

Baptisms—white, 6—coloured 1,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
Confirmed—white,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Communicants—white, (added 3) 33—colored 1,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34
Marriages—white,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Sunday School—male teachers 7—female teachers 4,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
Scholars,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	80

This was the first Episcopal church erected in Georgetown. It was built nearly forty years ago, and had the regular services of our church until the last seven or eight years. Since then it has been closed, and the principal portion of the congregation have attached themselves to the other Episcopal church of Georgetown. The circumstance which induced the effort to re-open St. John's, was the want of accommodation in Christ church to all the Episcopalians of Georgetown for religious worship on the Sabbath. The Rector commenced his labours on the third Sunday in last September, but a severe indisposition interrupted them for more than a

month after the first Sunday. Since then he has regularly officiated until the second Sunday after Easter, when the church was closed again for the purpose of repairing it. The building was much damaged during the long period it was unoccupied. Six or seven hundred dollars have been raised for this object, which will enable the vestry to have made very material improvement, both in respect to comfort and appearance. An organ has also been purchased, and will be ready for use when the church is re-opened, which will be in two or three weeks. All the pews on the ground floor, except four or five, have been engaged, and we doubt not, but under the blessing of God, the congregation will continue to increase until every pew is occupied. We could say much to the credit of the piety and zeal of the few who, under the providence of God, have been chiefly instrumental in re-opening this ancient edifice, and were it consistent with our feelings of christian propriety, we might say much that would be creditable to the interest manifested by the whole congregation: But we had rather our people should think and feel that *nothing* has been done; while much, yea, while *any thing* remains to be done; and we would have them to look, not to the empty praise of man, but to their consciences and to their God, for their reward. As there may be zeal without knowledge, so may there be also, zeal without piety. Let each one, then, canvass the motive which animates his zeal. Whatever we do that is not done to promote the glory of Jesus Christ, is to us of no real benefit only, but positively sinful. May the Spirit of Almighty God indite this sentiment upon the hearts of all of them.

ALEX. M. MARBURY, *Rector*.

St. Anne's Parish—Annapolis.

Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Communicants,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	96
Sunday Scholars—male 40, female 60,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100
Teachers in Sunday School—male 4, female 7,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11

Amount contributed to missionary and other objects connected with the advancement of religion, as nearly as can be ascertained, \$200.

GEORGE McELHINEY, *Rector*.

St. Mark's Church—Prince George's County, Md.

Communicants last reported,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	32
Removed,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Added,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13
Present number,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42
Confirmed,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5

WM. PINKNEY, *Rector*.

St. Matthew's Church—Prince George's County, Md.

Communicants last reported,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	46
Withdrawn,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Removed,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Died,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Dropped,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Added,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Present number,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	99
Confirmed,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Amount collected for Diocesan Missionary Society,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$55 50
Amount collected for Foreign Missionary Society,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	85 50
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WM. PINKNEY, *Rector.**St. Margaret's, Westminster Parish, Anne Arundel County.*

Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Communicants—present number,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
“ removed,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Collected for missionary society,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$14 00

The present Rector having entered upon the duties of this parish on the 23d of last December, has included, in the above report, the services which had previously been performed by his predecessor. A subscription has been raised, to enable the vestry to effect some necessary improvements, in the interior of the parish church. The divine services have been well attended, and the prospects of increased usefulness are encouraging.

ORLANDO HUTTON, *Rector.*

Post-Office, Annapolis.

All Hollow's Parish—Anne Arundel County.

Baptisms—adults, white,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
“ infants, white,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21
“ coloured,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Burials,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Confirmed by Bishop Doane,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Added to communicants 1, which with one dead, leaves the number as last reported,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	28

Contributions to the Diocesan Missionary Society in the way of monthly offerings, \$10 62½.

ROBERT W. GOLDSBOROUGH, *Rector.*

Near Davidsonville.

Severn Church—Anne Arundel County.

This church was built (as I am informed,) principally by Episcopalians, although the deed gives the Methodists an equal right or power of using it half the time. The church is situated about a mile and a half from the site of the chapel of St. Ann's parish. And Dr. Davis some fifteen or eighteen years ago, performed service in it and received part of his support from the neighbourhood.

It had not been visited by a Bishop until the present year. Bishop Doane's visit made a good impression in favor of the church. When the subscriber first commenced preaching, the people were unacquainted with our service, and there was but one individual who could lead the responses of our liturgy. With thankfulness we can say, that things have improved beyond our expectation.

An effort is now being made to raise funds for the purpose of building a church near the head of South river, to unite with the Severn in the support of a minister. About nine hundred dollars have been subscribed,—And should the contemplated plan succeed, we have no doubt the people would soon be able to support a minister without aid from the missionary society.

Communicants, (added 2)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
Baptisms,—white, 6—coloured, 1,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
Confirmed,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3

HENRY AISQUITTH, *Rector.*

Post Office, Annapolis.

St. James' Church—West River, Anne Arundel County.

This church, since the last convention, has been thoroughly repaired, at an expense of about sixteen hundred dollars. The wood work, except the roof, has been entirely renewed; the pews, doors and pulpit remodded of the best materials, and the whole painted in a style of much neatness and taste. And while the material temple has been thus improved, the spiritual state of the congregation is at present quite encouraging.

Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
Communicants last reported,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	75
“ since added,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
“ died,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
“ present number,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	77

Contributions to the benevolent institutions of the church, \$125 00.

WM. F. CHESLEY, *Rector.*

West River, May 27th, 1889.

St. John's Parish—Baltimore and Harford Counties.

The Rector of St. John's parish Baltimore and Harford counties, reports that he has good reason to believe, that the parish is in an improving condition. A considerable interest seems to be taken in one of the congregations, in the momentous subject of religion. Many of the youthful members appear to be engaged in the important concerns of the soul, and some of the aged also, are seriously impressed with religious feelings. One of the churches has been furnished with a handsome cup and plate, and suitable drapery for the pulpit and gallery; and it is hoped that the other will ere long, be much improved and beautified. Since the last convention, there have been :

Baptisms, - - - - -	4
Confirmed by Bishop Doane, - - - - -	21
Communicants, 10 added, 5 removed, and 6 deceased, - - -	70
Marriages, - - - - -	6
Funerals, - - - - -	11

JOHN R. KEECH, *Rector.*

May 28th, 1839.

St. George's and St. John's Churches—Harford County.

Baptisms—adults 2, infants 39, - - - - -	41
Communicants—last reported, - - - - -	42
“ added, - - - - -	11
“ removed, - - - - -	9
“ present number, - - - - -	44
Catechists assisting the rector, - - - - -	7
Catechumens, about - - - - -	70
Marriages, - - - - -	5
Funerals, - - - - -	7

R. L. GOLDSBOROUGH, *Rector.*

Havre de Grace.

St. Stephen's Parish,—Sassafras, Cecil County.

Communicants, - - - - -	36
Marriages—white, - - - - -	7
“ coloured, - - - - -	8
Baptisms—white, - - - - -	12
“ coloured, - - - - -	12
Funerals, - - - - -	6

ROBERT PIGGOT, *Rector.*

Shrewsbury Parish—Kent County.

Communicants,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Baptisms—adult 1, children 8,	-	..	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
Funerals,	-	.	-	-	-	-	-	-	4

ROBERT PIGGOT, *Rector.*

All Saints Church—Calvert County.

Communicants added,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Died and removed,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Present number, about	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	32
Baptisms—white 8, coloured 2,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
Burials,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2

Since the meeting of the last convention, the vestry have built and nearly finished a parsonage house. Contributions to benevolent objects, about fifty dollars.

HENRY WILLIAMS, *Rector.*

Huntington P. O.

Christ Church Parish—Calvert County.

Baptisms, infant white,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
“ “ coloured,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14
Communicants, last reported,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40
“ added,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
“ died,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
“ removed,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
“ present number,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	38
Marriages, white,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
“ coloured,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8

The present state of this parish is encouraging. The attendance on divine worship is good. The congregations are attentive and solemn.

Much has been done during the past year, towards repairing the churches, and before another year rolls around, we trust we shall be able to say they are completed.

OLCOTT BULKLEY, *Rector.*

P. O. St. Leonard’s, May 30, 1839.

Broad Creek Parish—Prince George's County.

Baptisms—infants, white 24, coloured 28, - - - -	52
Confirmed by Bishop Doane—white 11, coloured 2, - -	13
Communicants, last reported, - - - - -	36
“ added, - - - - -	16
“ died, - - - - -	1
“ withdrawn, - - - - -	1
“ present number, . - - - -	50
Marriages, white, - - - - -	3
“ coloured, - - - - -	4
Funerals, white, - - - - -	10
“ coloured, - - - - -	1
Sunday schools—male teachers, 4, scholars 30,	
“ “ female “ 6, “ 35,	
“ “ Teachers 10, scholars 65.	

On account of some difficulties not anticipated, the parish church was not repaired and enclosed during the last year, but means have been raised and a committee appointed, so that we now have every reason to believe that this venerable building will immediately present a new aspect. Nothing but activity on the part of the committee is wanting, to effect this much and long desired object. The congregations in this church have been nearly doubled since the rector commenced his duties, in April, 1888. St. Barnabas' church, about seven miles distant, will seat about one hundred and sixty persons, and when built in 1835, was thought by many, too large for the wants of the neighbourhood; but it is now every Sunday, crowded by an attentive and devout congregation; and so great has been the increase, that it is proposed to add ten feet at back to the building, so soon as funds can be raised. The rector officiates alternately in the two churches during the winter, but holds a service in each church every Sunday, during the summer. He has no week day lectures, having found that the people are too scattered, and that he can effect more by a general and regular course of visitation to all his parishioners.

There have been one thousand tracts, one dozen and a half of bibles, and three dozen prayer books distributed during the past year. The rector is grateful to an ever watchful Father, for the great blessing he has given to the labours of his unworthy minister and humbly prays for the extension of his kingdom.

EDWIN M. VAN DEUSEN, *Rector.*

P. O. Alexandria, D. C., May 27th, 1889.

Queen Ann Parish—Prince George's County.

The Rector of Queen Ann Parish, Prince George's county, reports the following duties performed since the meeting of the last convention.

Marriages—white 5, colored 3,	- - - - -	8
Funerals—white 13, colored 8,	- - - - -	21
Baptisms—white 24, colored 76,	- - - - -	100
Communicants—last reported,	- - - - -	84
“ died,	- - - - -	2
“ removed,	- - - - -	1
“ added,	- - - - -	1
“ present number,	- - - - -	82

Proceeds of the Ladies' Sewing Society, 57 dollars, to be equally divided between the Foreign and Domestic Missions. Also, from the Missionary Society of the parish, 41 dollars, to be applied to the diocese of Maryland.

GEO. L. MACKENHEIMER, *Rector*.

Good-Luck Post Office, Rectory, May 28th, 1839.

Trinity Church—Upper Marlborough, Prince George's County.

The Rector takes pleasure in stating that since his residence in the parish, (December 1st, 1838,) an increasing spirit of interest has been manifested in the prosperity of Zion. Heretofore there had been no parsonage house connected with this church, the want of which was felt and acknowledged by all. The Rector therefore, about the first of March last, determined to make an effort for the purpose, if possible, of accomplishing this object, which effort, he is happy to say, was promptly responded to. The sum of something more than two thousand dollars was in a short time secured, with which a suitable residence has been obtained conveniently situated to the church. Thus the congregation have taken a step by which a clergyman may be permanently settled among them, which has long been a desideratum in this church. A sum of money amounting we think to something like sixty dollars has also been subscribed, for the purpose of procuring a set of new stoves, by which our winter services will be rendered much more comfortable. In concluding this report the Rector thinks it due the kindness and liberality of the ladies of his parish, to acknowledge the receipt of thirty dollars from them, to be appropriated to the purchasing of a gown, and for which he tenders his warmest thanks. The sun of prosperity seems to be beaming upon this small, but interesting church, and while the garner is filled with plenty, and a bountiful Providence provides abundantly for man and beast, how urgent is the necessity that humility should attend us, that our spiritual graces kept pace with our temporal success, lest like Jeshurun we wax fat and kick against God, thus making our advantages augment our condemnation.

Communicants—white, (as reported last year,)	. . .	68
“ colored, do	. . .	25
Baptisms—white, (since December 1st, 1838,)	. . .	7
“ colored, do	. . .	11
Marriages—white, do	. . .	2
“ colored, do	. . .	2
Funerals—white, do	. . .	1
“ colored, do	. . .	3

JOSEPH TRAPNELL, Jr., *Rector*.

St. Paul's Parish—Prince George's County, Md.

Baptisms—infants, white 31, colored 50,	81
Confirmed—white,	2
Communicants—last reported 112, added 13, died 3, suspended 1,	121
Marriages—white 9, colored 9,	18
Funerals—white 16, colored 6,	22

The Rector having raised ample funds for the purpose confidently hopes to have in the course of this summer, both of his churches thoroughly repaired.

SAMUEL C. KERR, *Rector*.

Upper Marlborough.

St. John's Parish—Prince George's and Charles County.

Baptisms—white 27, colored 64,	91
Communicants—added 2, removed 1,	44

Owing to infirmities of the Rector, from which, through God's blessing, he has almost recovered, ministerial labours have not been performed as usual in this parish. Its duties are considered too arduous for the present Rector, and he would state that some reverend brother who wishes full employment in the cause of Christ, as a Rector, with a very slender provision for his support, may here find a location.

S. WILMER, *Rector*.

Pomonko, Charles county.

Durham Parish—Charles County.

The Rector of Durham parish, Charles county, would report:—that it is to him a subject of the deepest solicitude that he has nothing peculiarly encouraging to report in relation to his charge. Though the services of the church have been generally well attended during the past year yet nothing of a special character has marked them, and but few he fears have been aroused from a state of spiritual apathy to make the earnest enquiry of the jailor "what must I do to be saved?" But amid discouragements in the line of duty, the richest consolations may be gathered from the humble assurance, that the gospel in the freeness of its provisions have been proclaimed to his hearers, and that he is in that field of labor assigned him by the proprietor of the vineyard.

During the past year he has too, to record the death of one of the oldest and esteemed members of the vestry. Long will his loss be most keenly felt by his bereaved family, and by the parish which he served with untiring fidelity for so many years.

Communicants—died,	2
“ added,	4
“ present number,	76
Deaths,	10
Marriages,	6
Baptisms—white 8, colored 9,	17

ROBERT PROUT *Rector*.

Nanjemoy Post Office.

Port Tobacco Parish—Charles County, Md.

Baptisms,	65
Sunday Schools organizing, the number not known.	
Communicants,	200

The number of deaths much more than usual, and among the number some valuable heads of families. **LEM'L WILMER, Rector.**

Trinity Church—Charles County, Md.

Baptisms—white, 2 adults, 13 children,	15
“ colored children,	20
Marriages,	2
Burials—white,	17
“ colored,	9
Communicants,	108

CORRY CHAMBERS, Rector.

Post-town, New Port, Charles co., Md., 29th May, 1839.

William and Mary Parish—Charles County, Md.

Baptisms—infants, white 5, coloured 9,	14
Congregation families,	50
Communicants—added,	1
“ died or removed,	8
“ present number,	42
Public services on Sunday 18, other days 2,	20
Marriages—whites 3, colored 2,	5
Burials,	6
Sunday School,	1
Teachers,	5
Pupils,	20

The Rector of this parish has but recently taken charge of it. He commenced his ministration on the day of the Epiphany, the first Sunday of the present year. He has had therefore but little time in which to labour and still less to show the result of his efforts. Few and imperfect as his endeavours have been, he trusts that they have not been in vain, but that sooner or later the gospel seed may spring from the soil upon which it has been cast, yielding a rich harvest to the glory of God's grace, and the eternal salvation of men.

The parish is small both in territorial extent and in the number of its members. It has but one church edifice, a building ample in its dimensions, though in some respects inconvenient and uncomfortable as to its internal arrangements. It stands greatly in need of repair, and the vestry depending upon the liberality of the congregation have resolved to undertake the good work; to make such alterations, improvements and additions as shall render our house of worship neat and comfortable, suitable to the

dignity of a temple of the living God, and creditable to the honor of the parish. That the spiritual as well as the material temple may be built up, is the hearty desire and prayer of the Rector.

JOHN W. HOFFMAN, *Rector.*

Saint Andrew's Parish—St. Mary's County.

Baptisms,	18
Marriages,	2
Funerals,	12
Communicants—last reported,	58
“ added,	4
“ died,	2
“ present number,	60

The spiritual state of this parish is believed to be somewhat better than it was at its last report to the convention; the congregations on Sunday are larger than they ever have been, and still characterized for decorum, attention and audible observance of the liturgy and discipline of our catholic church. Its building made with hands is at present undergoing repair, and when completed it is hoped, will be one of the neatest and most church-like in the diocese.

JOHN CLAXTON, *Rector.*

All Faith Parish—St. Mary's County.

Baptisms,	40
Marriages,	2
Funerals,	15
Communicants—last reported,	46
“ added,	4
“ died,	2
“ removed by the direction of the 19th canon,	4
“ present number,	44

This parish has scarcely made any progress in holy living during the past year, and although the congregations are large and attentive on the Lord's day, there are still very few instances of conversion from sin or the power of divine grace in breaking down and subduing the old man of sin, and building him anew in Christ Jesus. As it will be vacated by its present Rector on the first of July to give his entire attention elsewhere, its Episcopal population of 115 or 120 families would afford an extensive field of labour and usefulness to a *sound churchman* and zealous minister of the gospel of Christ. Its handsome church is in a complete state of repair, and were the several members of the congregation only as generally willing, as they are individually able to support the ministry of the church, it would soon be a very goodly portion of the Lord's heritage. May the Lord protect it and save it for Christ's sake. Amen.

JOHN CLAXTON, *Rector.*

Post Office, Leonard Town, Md.

Trinity Parish—Charles County.

Baptisms,	4
Funerals,	4

This parish is now supplied with a Rector who is highly acceptable to its members, and will it is hoped with the favor of its divine head, entirely fill up the vacuum that was caused, by the early death of its late lamented and beloved pastor.

JOHN CLAXTON.

King and Queen Parish—St. Mary's County, Md.

Communicants—white 50, coloured 22,	72
Baptisms—white 12, coloured 18,	30
Funerals—white 11, coloured 10,	21
Marriages—white 6, coloured 4,	10

THOMAS BILLOPP, *Rector.*

William and Mary Parish—St. Mary's County.

Communicants,	95
Baptisms,	30
Funerals,	5
Marriages,	3

R. MITCHELL, *Rector.*

All Hallow's Parish—Worcester County.

Baptisms—infants, white 11, adult, white 1,	12
Confirmed,	5
Communicants—last reported 39, added 8, died 1,	46
Sunday School teachers,	6
Scholars,	30
Bible class members,	10

WARNER HOYT, *Rector.*

Snow Hill, Md., May, 1839.

Worcester Parish—Worcester County.

Baptisms—adults, white 3, infants, white 15, colored 1,	19
Confirmed,	7
Communicants—last reported 43, added 6, removed 1,	48
Sunday School teachers,	7
Scholars,	40

WARNER HOYT, *Rector.*

Snow Hill, May 21st, 1839.

Spring Hill Church—Somerset County.

Communicants—added,	9
“ present number, white,	60
“ “ colored,	5
Baptisms—infants,	20
“ adult,	1
Marriages,	5
Funerals,	6
Confirmed by Bishop Doane,	33

RICHARD HENRY WATERS, *Rector.*

May 25th, 1839.

Stephney Parish—Somerset County.

Communicants,	15
Baptisms,	9
Funerals,	1
Confirmed by Bishop Doane,	11

The building erected at Tyaskin in the place of the chapel destroyed some years ago by fire, was consecrated to the worship of Almighty God on the 18th of April last, by the Right Rev. Bishop Doane, by the name of Saint Mary's chapel.

RICHARD HENRY WATERS, *Rector.*

Salisbury, May 25th, 1839.

Somerset and Coventry Parishes.

Marriages,	4
Baptisms,	31
Deaths,	6
Communicants—about	100

HENRY CROSDALE, *Rector.*

East New Market Parish—Dorchester County, Eastern Shore, Md.

In March last, I commenced my Episcopal duties in this parish, which I have regularly attended to the present time. In May I was elected Rector of said parish, and on Trinity Sunday, I laid the corner stone of a new edifice about to be erected and dedicated to the worship of Almighty God according to the canons and liturgy and usages of the Protestant Episcopal church, assisted by the Rev. Brethren, Thos. Bayne, Jas. A. McKenney and Warner Hoyt.

ENOCH BAYLEY, *Rector.*

May 31st, 1839.

St. Peter's Church—Talbot County.

Baptisms—adults,	2
“ infants,	22
Confirmed,	27
Communicants—last reported,	63
“ died,	4
“ added,	24
“ present number,	83
Marriages,	8
Funerals,	8
Sunday School teachers,	10
“ scholars,	56
Bible class,	10

There has been an improvement in the condition of this parish since the last conventional year.

The hope presented on a former occasion of a new edifice for public worship, will no doubt soon be realized; and we have cause to adore the Divine head of the church, alike, as we trust, for our spiritual advancement, and eternal prosperity.

HENRY M. MASON, *Rector.*

Christ Church—Great Choptank Parish, Cambridge.

The present incumbent commenced his ministrations in this parish in November, having been elected to the Rectorship thereof about midsummer. Since that time, much has occurred to cheer his heart and encourage him in his labours. There has been a gradual but most decided increase in the number of regular attendants at church, reverend attention to and participation in the services, are far more general than formerly. And in some cases, more unquestionable evidence than this has been given, of the efficacy of the gospel of our Lord.

The church is open on Wednesday's for morning prayer and a lecture. During the season of Lent, there was appended to these exercises, the catechising of the children of the parish, “openly in the church,” as the Rubrick directs. The Rector here records, to the honor of the people of his charge, that they gave their decided countenance and support to his plans, by withdrawing the children from their schools at the appointed hour and sending them to the house of God. At other seasons, catechetical instruction supplies the place, once a month, of a second sermon on Sunday, after regular evening prayer.

Three communicants and two candidates for the communion, were confirmed by Bishop Doane, in April,

Catechumens,	25
Baptisms,	8
Marriages,	3
Communicants—added,	6
“ present number,	30

The sum of \$34 25, has been contributed to the Missionary Society.

J. A. McKENNEY, *Rector.*

Cambridge, April 28th, 1839.

During the first six months of the present conventional year, the subscriber performed the following official acts in William and Mary Parish, Charles county, of which he was at that time the Rector.

Baptisms,	29
Baptized children received into the church,	3
Burials,	18
Marriages,	2

J. A. McKENNEY.

St. Michael's Parish—Talbot County.

Baptisms—white,	7
“ coloured,	5
Marriages—white, none, colored,	2
Funerals,	5
Communicants,	30

It affords the Rector of St. Michael's parish much pleasure to be able to state, that the church at Miles River Ferry, begun in 1835, was finished in December last, and consecrated on the 21st of April, by the Right Rev. Bishop Doane, of New Jersey. The edifice, which is of Susquehannah granite, is a very substantial one; and as it is conveniently situated for most of the parishioners, will, there is reason to believe, draw together a good congregation. Another gratifying circumstance is, that, notwithstanding the difficulties with which the friends of the work, have had to struggle from its commencement, and which were at times so great as almost to make them despair of its completion, the debt incurred by it is not large, and arrangements have been adopted for paying it off, which will, it is hoped, in a few years, without inconvenience to any one, effect that desirable object.

JOSEPH SPENCER, *Rector.*

Chester Parish—Chestertown.

This parish continues to enjoy, under the divine blessing, a pleasing degree of prosperity.

The congregation attends well—and unites devoutly and audibly in the services of the sanctuary. Kneeling at prayer, is, with two or three exceptions, practised universally.

The teachers of the Sunday school, have it in excellent order, and display a laudable zeal in its management. The Bible class promises to be a source of usefulness to those of riper years. Many, however, who ought to attend it neglect the opportunity.

To the number of communicants several have been added, among whom are included three individuals who had been professors of religion in other societies. Several more appear to be earnestly seeking the salvation of their souls.

The weekly contributions to missions have for about six years been continued in this parish and it is gratifying to observe that the amount contributed has constantly increased during that period.

Confirmed,	18
Baptisms,	7
Funerals,	4
Bible class,	12
Sunday School teachers,	10
Sunday Scholars,	80
Communicants (of whom eleven have during the past year been added,)	60

CLEMENT F. JONES, *Rector.*

St. John's Church—near Ellicott's Mills, Anne Arundel County.

The Rector of St. John's church, near Ellicott's Mills respectfully reports that the connection heretofore existing between St. John's and Christ churches, Queen Caroline parish, has been dissolved, and that the vestry of the former church have made arrangements to have divine service every Sunday. The separation having been recently made, the Rector has not yet ascertained the exact number of communicants in the congregation of which he now has charge, but unless he be deceiving himself by false hopes the prospects of the church are encouraging. The following are the official acts of the past year :

Baptisms—white,	4
“ coloured,	5
Marriages—white,	2
“ coloured,	2
Funerals—white,	4
“ coloured,	1

HUGH T. HARRISON, *Rector.*

Oakland Mills, Anne Arundel county, Md.

St. Peter's Parish—Montgomery County.

Baptisms—white 25, coloured 29,	54
Communicants—last reported,	55
“ removed 2, died 2,	4
Marriages—white 4, coloured 8,	12
Funerals—white 8, coloured 4,	12

For the mission of the diocese from the mission box of three children \$4.

The Rector is sorry to report that the church is in a delapsed condition and at present there is no prospect of its being repaired or rebuilt. May be that has the hearts of all men in his hands convince the congregation that the gold and the silver are his, and that soon they will be called to an

account for the use or the abuse they have made of the manifold gifts of God. There is that scattereth and yet increaseth, and there is that withholdeth more than is meet but it tendeth to poverty.

JOSEPH TRAPNELL, *Rector*.

Zion Parish—Frederick County.

Baptisms—white 15, colored 6,	-	-	-	-	-	21
Marriages—white 2, colored 1,	-	-	-	-	-	3
Funerals—white,	-	-	-	-	-	2
Communicants,	-	-	-	-	-	35

Collected by the ladies of the congregation for diocesan mission, \$31.68.

JOSEPH TRAPNELL, *Rector*.

St. Mark's Parish—Merryland Tract, Frederick County.

Baptisms—adults 3, infants 21,	-	-	-	-	-	24
Communicants—last reported 96, added 6, died 3,	-	-	-	-	-	99
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	7
Funerals—of the congregation 3, of other denominations 3,	-	-	-	-	-	6
Sunday schools,	-	-	-	-	-	3
“ scholars,	-	-	-	-	-	150
Bible class—female members,	-	-	-	-	-	13
Weekday school 1, number of scholars, about	-	-	-	-	-	50
Prayer books distributed,	-	-	-	-	-	50
Tracts distributed, pages	-	-	-	-	-	3000

Amount of contributions for the different institutions connected with the church, \$50.

RICHARD H. PHILLIPS, *Rector*.

Post Office, Petersville, Frederick county.

St. John's Parish—Hagerstown.

Baptisms—white,	-	-	-	-	-	-	20
“ coloured,	-	-	-	-	-	-	6-26
Communicants—last reported,	-	-	-	-	-	-	97
“ died,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
“ added,	-	-	-	-	-	-	3-98
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Deaths,	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
Amount contributed,	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$115

JOHN WILEY, *Rector*.

St. Paul's Parish—Sharpsburg.

No material change has taken place in this parish since the last report. The congregation is still very small.

Communicants,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
“ died,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
“ present number,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1

L. H. JOHNS, *Rector.*

St. Thomas' Church—Hancock, Washington County.

Baptisms—adults, white,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
“ infants, white,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15–19
Communicants, last reported,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40
“ removed,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
“ added,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13–50
Marriages, white,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Funerals, white,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Sunday School teachers,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
Scholars,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	80
Contributions to benevolent purposes,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$60 00

JOHN DELAPLANE, *Rector.*

Emmanuel Parish—Allegany County.

The rector of Emmanuel parish, Allegany county reports :—

Communicants,—removed to other parishes,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
“ added,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
“ present number,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3

The congregation is on the increase. The members of the church are regular in their attendance on the ministrations of the sanctuary, and notwithstanding the pecuniary difficulties we have had to encounter, the hope is cherished, that at no distant period we shall cease to be a burthen to our sister churches, and by the grace of God, be enabled to do something for the extension of Christ's kingdom to places now destitute.

M. HARRIS, *Rector.*

St. James' First African Protestant Episcopal Church—Baltimore.

The Rector has the gratification to report, that the debt incurred by the erection of St. James' church, is now entirely liquidated. The congregation whose embarrassed affairs have, for a period of twelve years, threatened its dissolution, is at length free, and we are privileged to call the tem-

ple in which we worship, our own. Our devout thanks are due to Almighty God, and to our friends in this city and elsewhere, for the timely assistance afforded us, without which, the congregation could scarcely now have been in existence.

The rector regrets that but few have been added to the communion, but is pleased to remark, that the present spiritual state of the church, is more encouraging than heretofore.

Communicants,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Sunday Scholars, about	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	80

The state of the sunday school is encouraging, and such is the eagerness of the children to attend, that the rector has no hesitation in saying, that with a room sufficiently large, and a proper number of teachers, he could gather in from five hundred to a thousand scholars.

J. PETERKIN, *Rector*.

St. Paul's Parish—Queen Anne's County.

The undersigned respectfully reports, that he has cause of gratitude to God, for the measure of the divine blessing which has accompanied his feeble and imperfect efforts for the advancement of the cause of religion in his parish during the past year. Generally, things are in a prosperous condition. Our new church at Queenstown, is in a fair way of being ready for use by the commencement of cold weather. A sunday school connected with the church at Centreville, has been in operation for several years and continues to be flourishing. Within a few weeks, another has been organized at Queenstown, under very favorable auspices. The following are the statistics of the parish:—

Baptisms, infant, white,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
“ “ coloured,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
“ adult, white,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-18
Confirmed,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
Communicants last reported,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25
“ added,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10-35
Marriage,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Parsonage, June 5th, 1839.	J. PALMER ROBINSON, <i>Rector</i> .								

It was on motion, *Resolved*, that fifty dollars be paid to the secretary, for his services during the present session.

Resolved, that twenty dollars be paid to the sexton of St. Paul's church, for his services on this occasion.

No further business appearing, the session was closed with the usual religious services, and benediction by the Rev. Dr. Henshaw, when the convention adjourned *sine die*.

W. E. WYATT, *President*.

RICHARD M. HALL, *Secretary*.

Summary of THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS, June 1st, 1839.

Parishes and Churches.	Where situated.	Ministers.	Baptisms.		Confirmed.	Communicants			Marriages.	Funerals.	S. Schools		Attending Bible Classes.	Collections for benevolent purposes.
			Adults.	Infants.		Died and removed.	Added.	Present number.			Teachers.	Scholars.		
St. Paul's Parish,	Baltimore,	W. E. Wyatt, D. D.	10	45	36			345	20	31				*\$1,776 39
St. Peter's Church,	do	J. P. K. Henshaw, D. D.	5	30				374	17	29	58	430		
Christ's Church,	do	John Johns, D. D.		29		18		244	17	24				2,000 00
St. Andrew's Church,	do	Joshua Peterkin, } Henry S. Keppler, }	1	54		7	7	52	9	35	12	90		
St. James' do	Baltimore County,	Alfred Holmead,		4			3	40	6	6				
St. Thomas' do	do	Charles C. Austin,												
Sherwood Chapel,	do	Ira A. Easter,												
St. John's Parish,	Balt. & Harford Counties,	John R. Keech,		4	21	11	10	70	6	11				
St. John's & St. John's Par.	Harford County,	R. L. Goldsborough,	2	39		9	11	44	5	7			70	
St. George's Church,	Washington City, D. C.	William Hawley,		34				118	22	5				
St. John's do	do	Henry H. Bean,	3	33	9		13	110			14	115		
Christ's do	do	John Owen,	1	24		23	24	145	6		15	100		1,568 69
Trinity do	Georgetown, D. C.	John Francis Hoff,		10	10		6	164		3	11	80		
Christ's do	do	Alexander M. Marbury,		7	3		3	84	1	1				
St. John's do	District of Columbia,	Vacant,												
St. Rock Creek do	do	George McElhiney,		25				96	3		11	100		200 00
St. Margaret's Church,	Annapolis,	Orlando Hutton,		9				10	1	2				14 00
St. Anne's Parish,	Anne Arundel County,	William F. Chesley,		20		2	4	77		9				125 00
St. James' Parish,	do	R. W. Goldsborough,		46	1	2	1	28	2	6				10 62
St. James' & Christ Churches,	do	Hugh T. Harrison,		9					4	5				
All John Ann's Parish,	Prince George's County,	G. L. Mackenheimer,		100	8	3	1	82	8	21				98 00
St. Queen's & St. Matt's ch's,	do	William Pinkney,				13	16	81						141 00
St. Mark Church,	Anne Arundel County,	Henry Aisquith,		7	3		2	7						
St. Mary's Parish,	Prince George's County,	Samuel C. Kerr,		81	2	4	13	121	18	22				
St. Paul's Parish,	do	Edwin M. Van Deusen,		52	13	2	16	50	7	11	10	65		
St. Broad Creek Parish,	do													

* Part only reported.

City or Parish.	County.	2	37	216	145	255	4158	276	435	178	1516	140	\$8,379	62
City of New York.	New York	40	1416	216	145	255	4158	276	435	178	1516	140	\$8,379	62
St. James' Church, New York.	New York	1	43	65	17	10	24	30	7	24	6	20	50	00
St. Paul's Church, New York.	New York	1	43	65	17	10	24	30	7	24	6	20	50	00
St. Peter's Church, New York.	New York	1	43	65	17	10	24	30	7	24	6	20	50	00
St. John's Church, New York.	New York	1	43	65	17	10	24	30	7	24	6	20	50	00
St. George's Church, New York.	New York	1	43	65	17	10	24	30	7	24	6	20	50	00
St. Andrew's Church, New York.	New York	1	43	65	17	10	24	30	7	24	6	20	50	00
St. Nicholas Church, New York.	New York	1	43	65	17	10	24	30	7	24	6	20	50	00
St. Elizabeth's Church, New York.	New York	1	43	65	17	10	24	30	7	24	6	20	50	00
St. Ann's Church, New York.	New York	1	43	65	17	10	24	30	7	24	6	20	50	00
St. Mary's Church, New York.	New York	1	43	65	17	10	24	30	7	24	6	20	50	00
St. James' Church, New York.	New York	1	43	65	17	10	24	30	7	24	6	20	50	00
St. Peter's Church, New York.	New York	1	43	65	17	10	24	30	7	24	6	20	50	00
St. John's Church, New York.	New York	1	43	65	17	10	24	30	7	24	6	20	50	00
St. George's Church, New York.	New York	1	43	65	17	10	24	30	7	24	6	20	50	00
St. Andrew's Church, New York.	New York	1	43	65	17	10	24	30	7	24	6	20	50	00
St. Nicholas Church, New York.	New York	1	43	65	17	10	24	30	7	24	6	20	50	00
St. Elizabeth's Church, New York.	New York	1	43	65	17	10	24	30	7	24	6	20	50	00
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LIST OF THE CLERGY
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DIOCESE OF MARYLAND,
1839.

The Clergymen to whose names an asterisk (*) is prefixed, did not attend the meetings of the Convention, and they to whose names (†) is prefixed, have removed since the Convention.

***Rev. Walter D. Addison.**

Rev. Henry Aisquith, Rector of Severn church, Anne Arundel county.

Rev. Charles C. Austin, Rector of St. Thomas' Parish, Baltimore county.

Rev. James Abercrombie, Assistant Minister of Somerset parish, Somerset county.

Rev. John Alberger.

Rev. Thos. Bayne, Rector of Dorchester parish, Dorchester county.

Rev. Henry H. Bean, Rector of Christ's church, Washington city.

Rev. Thos. Billopp, Rector of King and Queen parish, St. Mary's county.

Rev. Olcott Bulkley, Rector of Christ's church parish, Calvert co.

Rev. Upon Beall, Rector of All Saints' parish, Frederick county.

Rev. Enoch Bailey, Rector of East New Market parish, Dorchester county.

Rev. William F. Chesley, Rector of St. James' parish, West River, Anne Arundel county.

Rev. John Claxton, Rector of St. Andrew's parish, St. Mary's co.

Rev. Henry Crosdale, Rector of Somerset and Coventry parishes, Somerset county.

†Rev. Corry Chambers, Rector of Trinity parish, Newport, Charles county.

Rev. John Delaplane, Rector of St. Thomas' church, Hancock, Washington county.

***Rev. William Duke, residing at Elkton, Cecil county.**

Rev. Ira A. Easter, Rector of Sherwood chapel, Baltimore county.

***Rev. John Forman, residing in Poplar town, Worcester county.**

Rev. Levin I. Gilliss, Rector of Prince George's and St. Bartholomew's parishes, Montgomery county.

- Rev. Robt. W. Goldsborough, Rector of All Hallows' parish, Anne Arundel county.
- Rev. Robert Lloyd Goldsborough, Rector of St. George's and St. John's parishes, Havre de Grace, Harford county.
- *Rev. Henry B. Goodwin, Charles county.
- Rev. J. P. K. Henshaw, D. D., Rector of St. Peter's church, Baltimore.
- Rev. Wm. Hawley, Rector of St. John's church, Washington city.
- Rev. Matthias Harris, Rector of Emmanuel parish, Cumberland, Alleghany county.
- Rev. Hugh T. Harrison, Rector of St. John's church, Queen Caroline parish, Oakland Mills, Anne Arundel county.
- Rev. Alfred Holmead, Rector of St. James' parish, Baltimore co.
- Rev. Hector Humphreys, D. D., Principal of St. John's College, Annapolis.
- Rev. Orlando Hutton, Rector of St. Margaret's church, Westminster parish, near Annapolis, Anne Arundel county.
- †Rev. Warner Hoyt, Rector of All Hallows' and Worcester parishes, Worcester county.
- Rev. John W. Hoffman, Rector of William and Mary parish, Charles county.
- Rev. John Johns, D. D., Rector of Christ's church, Baltimore.
- Rev. Leonard H. Johns, Rector of St. Paul's church, Sharpsburg, Washington county.
- Rev. Clement F. Jones, Rector of Chester parish, Chestertown, Kent county.
- Rev. Norris M. Jones, Rector of Christ church parish, Queen Ann county.
- Rev. John R. Keech, Rector of St. John's parish, Baltimore and Harford counties, residing at Belle Air, Harford county.
- Rev. Henry S. Képpler, Rector of St. Andrew's church, Baltimore.
- Rev. Samuel C. Kerr, Rector of St. Paul's parish, Prince George's county.
- Rev. George McElhiney, Rector of St. Ann's parish, Annapolis.
- Rev. Geo. L. Mackenheimer, Rector of Queen Ann parish, Prince George's county.
- Rev. Henry M. Mason, D. D., Rector of St. Peter's parish, Talbot county.
- Rev. Jas. A. McKenney, Rector of Great Choptank parish, Cambridge, Dorchester county.
- Rev. Alexander M. Marbury, Rector of St. John's church, Georgetown, D. C.
- *Rev. Andrew T. McCormick, residing in Washington, D. C.

- Rev. R. Mitchell, Rector of William and Mary parish, St. Mary's county.
- Rev. John Owen, Rector of Trinity church, Washington city, D. C.
- Rev. William Pinkney, Rector of St. Matthew's and St. Mark's churches, Bladensburg, Prince George's county.
- Rev. Robert Prout, Rector of Durham parish, Charles county.
- Rev. Richard H. Phillips, Rector of St. Mark's parish, Frederick county.
- Rev. Robert Piggott, Rector of St. Stephen's parish, Cecil county and of Shrewsbury parish, Kent county.
- Rev. Joshua Peterkin, Rector of St. James' First African church, Baltimore.
- *Rev. J. J. Robertson, D. D., Missionary to Greece.
- Rev. John P. Robins, Assistant Minister of All Hallows' parish, Worcester county.
- Rev. John P. Robinson, Rector of St. Paul's parish, Centreville, Queen Ann county.
- *Rev. Purnell F. Smith, residing at Georgetown, Kent county.
- Rev. Joseph Spencer, D. D., Rector of St. Michael's parish, Talbot county.
- Rev. Philip Slaughter, Georgetown, D. C.
- Rev. Joseph Trapnell, Rector of St. Peter's parish, Montgomery county, and Zion parish, Frederick county.
- Rev. Joseph Trapnell, Jr., Rector of Trinity church, Upper Marlborough, Prince George's county.
- *Rev. Fitch W. Taylor.
- Rev. Edwin M. Van Deusen, Rector of Broad creek parish, Prince George's county.
- Rev. Richard Henry Waters, Rector of Spring Hill and Stepney parishes, Somerset county.
- Rev. John Wiley, Rector of St. John's church, Hagerstown, Washington county.
- Rev. Lemuel Wilmer, Rector of Port Tobacco parish, Charles co.
- Rev. Simon Wilmer, Rector of Christ's church, St. John's parish, Prince George's and Charles counties.
- Rev. Henry Williams, Rector of All Saint's parish, Calvert county.
- Rev. William E. Wyatt, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's parish, Baltimore.

LIST OF THE LAY DELEGATES,

*Who attended the Convention, and of the Parishes and Churches
which they represented.*

Mr. Samuel I. Donaldson, St. Paul's church Baltimore.

Mr. Robert Neilson, St. Peter's church, Baltimore.

Mr. James Howard, Christ's church, Baltimore.

Mr. John Lowry,
Mr. Frederick H. Knapp, } St. Andrew's church, Baltimore,

Mr. James Piper, St. Thomas' parish, Baltimore county.

Mr. Edward P. Philpott, St. John's church, Baltimore county.

Mr. John Henry Brice, Sherwood chapel, Baltimore county.

Mr. Joshua Hutchins, St James' parish, Baltimore county.

Mr. Edward A. Howard, St. John's parish, Baltimore and Harford
counties.

Mr. Parker H. Lee, Christ's church, Harford county.

Mr. Samuel G. Smith, St. George's parish, Harford county.

Dr. Philip Landsdale, St. John's church, Harford county.

Mr. Francis S. Key, Trinity parish, Washington city, D. C.

Mr. Joseph Ingle, Washington parish, Washington city D. C.

Mr. Charles H. Wiltberger, Rock creek parish, District of Columbia.

Hon. James S. Morsell, Christ's church, Georgetown, D. C.

Mr. Thomas S. Alexander, St. Ann's parish, Annapolis,

Mr. Stevens Gambrill, Severn church, Anne Arundel county.

Mr. Benjamin Mullikin, St. Margaret's parish, Anne Arundel county.

Mr. John Thomas, St James' parish, Anne Arundel county.

Dr. Allen Thomas, Christ's church, Queen Caroline parish, Anne
Arundel county.

Gov. George Howard, St. John's church, Queen Caroline parish,
Anne Arundel county.

Mr. Nathan Dickerson, Prince George's parish, Montgomery county.

Col. Robert T. Dade, St. Peter's parish, Montgomery county.

Mr. William I. Ross, All Saint's parish, Frederick county.

Mr. James T. Johnson, Zion parish, Frederick county.

Mr. Thomas J. Clagett, St Mark's parish, Frederick county.

Dr. Frederick Dorsey, St. John's parish, Hagerstown, Washington
county.

Mr. John D. Grove, St. Paul's parish, Sharpsburg, Washington co.

Mr. Jacob Schlageal, St. Thomas' church, Hancock, Washington co.

Mr. Thomas Shriver, Emmanuel parish, Cumberland, Allegany co.

Mr. Washington Duvall, Zion church, Prince George's county.

Mr. Henry A. Callis, Broad creek parish, Prince George's county.

Dr. Hanson Penn, St. Matthew's church, Prince George's county.

Mr. Grafton Tyler, Queen Ann's parish, Prince George's county.

Mr. Horatio C. Scott, Trinity church, Upp. Marlboro, Prince George's county.

Mr. Robert W. Bowie, St. Paul's parish, Prince George's county.

Mr. Thomas J. Marshall, Christ's church, St. John's parish, Prince George's and Charles counties.

Mr. John Somervell, All Saints' parish, Calvert county.

Mr. James Duke, Christ's church, Calvert county.

Mr. John G. Chapman, Port Tobacco, Charles county.

Mr. Josias Hawkins, William and Mary parish, Charles county.

Ms. Samuel J. Briscoe, Trinity parish, Charles county.

Dr. Joseph F. Shaw, All Faith parish, St. Mary's county.

Mr. William J. Blakistone, King and Queen parish, St. Mary's co.

Mr. M. C. Jones, William and Mary parish, St. Mary's county.

Col. Joseph Harris, St. Andrew's parish, St. Mary's county.

Dr. William Brogden, All Hallows' parish, Worcester county.

Mr. John E. Hayward, All Hallows' parish, Worcester county.

Mr. James B. Robins, Worcester parish, Worcester county.

Mr. Littleton D. Handy, Coventry parish, Somerset and Worcester counties.

Dr. Thomas W. Stone, Spring Hill parish, Somerset county.

Dr. James Stewart, Somerset parish, Somerset county.

Mr. Marcellus Jones, Stepney parish, Somerset county.

Mr. Levin Keene, Dorchester parish, Dorchester county.

Mr. William W. Laird, Great Choptank parish, Dorchester county.

Mr. Joseph S. Hooper, East New Market parish, Dorchester county.

Mr. John S. Martin, St. Peter's parish, Talbot county.

Mr. Samuel Hambleton, St. Michael's parish, Talbot county.

Mr. Jacob Winchester, Christ's church parish, Queen Ann county.

Mr. William Carmichael, St. Paul's parish, Queen Ann county.

Hon. E. F. Chambers, Chester parish, Kent county.

Mr. Merritt Miller, St. Paul's parish, Kent county.

Mr. Edward Boyer, Shrewsbury parish, Kent county.

Gov. Thomas W. Veazey, St. Stephens parish, Cecil county.

Mr. Benjamin W. Harris, St. Augustine church, Cecil county.

Gen. James Sewall, Trinity church, Elkton, Cecil county.

Mr. Thomas R. Sewall, St. Mary Ann's parish, Cecil county.

NUMBER OF CLERGYMEN IN THE DIOCESE.

At the last Convention, (1838)	. . . . .	69	
Added,	. . . . .	5	
		—	74
Removed to other Dioceses,	. . . . .	7	
Died,	. . . . .	2	
		—	9
Present number,	. . . . .		65
Attended the Convention,	. . . . .	57	
Absent,	. . . . .	8	
		—	65
<i>Total number of Clergy and Laity, who attended the Convention.</i>			
Clergy,	. . . . .	57	
Laity,	. . . . .	69	
		—	126

FORM OF A PAROCHIAL REPORT

——— *Parish,* ——— *County, May, 18—*

Baptisms,	. Adults, white —, colored —, = —	}	. . . . .	—
"	. Infants, do —, do —, = —			
Confirmed,	. . . . white,—, colored—,		. . . . .	—
Communicants, last reported,—, added —,	. . . . .	}	
"	died —, removed —, withdrawn —, suspended,—			
"	present number,			
Marriages,	. . . white, —, colored —,		. . . . .	—
Funerals,	. . . do —, do —,		. . . . .	—
Sunday schools, male teachers —, scholars —,		}	Teachers,	. . . —
" " female do —, " —,			Scholars,	. . . —
Bible Classes, number attending,	. . . . .			—

Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the church.

Remarks by the Rector.

Nearest Post Office.

———, Rector.



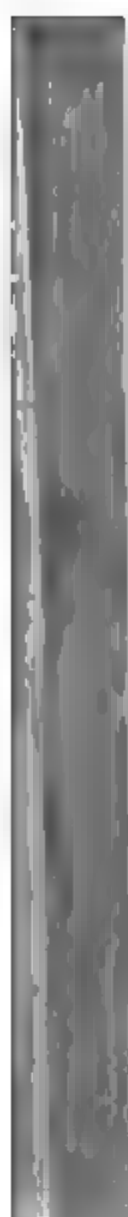
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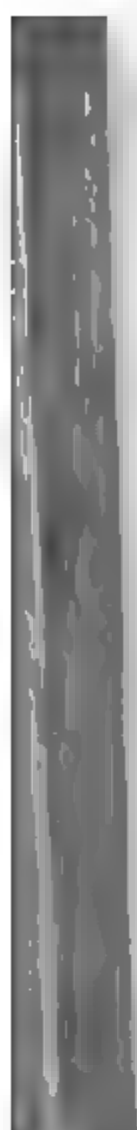
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JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SPECIAL CONVENTION.

BALTIMORE, *Thursday, November 28th, 1839.*

A special convention having been called by the President of the convention, at the request of the standing committee of this diocese, to be held in St. Paul's Church, Baltimore, and this being the time appointed for holding the same, the members assembled at 11 o'clock, A. M.

The morning prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Harrison, and the ante-communion service by the Rev. Dr. Johns. A sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Keech, and the holy communion administered by the president, the Rev. Dr. Wyatt, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Johns.

The names of the clergy entitled to seats at the last convention being called over by the secretary, the following answered to their names.

Rev. Henry Aisquith,
" Charles C. Austin,
" James Abercrombie,
" Henry H. Bean,
" Thomas Billopp,
" Upton Beall,
" Thomas Bayne,
" Enoch Bayley,
" William F. Chesley,
" John Claxton,
" Henry Crosdale,
" John Delaplane,
" Levin I. Gilliss,
" Robert W. Goldsborough,

Rev. Robt. Lloyd Goldsborough,
" Hugh T. Harrison,
" William Hawley,
" J. P. K. Henshaw, D. D.
" Hector Humphreys, D. D.
" Alfred Holmead,
" Orlando Hutton,
" John Johns, D. D.
" Henry S. Keppler,
" John R. Keech,
" Samuel C. Kerr,
" George McElhiney,
" George L. Mackenheimer,
" Richard Mitchell,

Rev. Alex. M. Marbury, M. D.	Rev. Joseph Spencer, D. D.
“ Henry M. Mason, D. D.	“ Joseph Trapnell,
“ James A. McKenney,	“ Joseph Trapnell, Jr.
“ John Owen,	“ Edwin M. Van Deusen,
“ William Pinkney,	“ R. H. Waters.
“ Richard H. Phillips,	“ John Wiley,
“ Robert Piggot,	“ Lemuel Wilmer,
“ Joshua Peterkin,	“ Simon Wilmer,
“ John P. Robinson,	“ William E. Wyatt, D. D.
“ John P. Robins,	

In addition to the above, the following names were reported by the standing committee:

Rev. John Alberger,	Rev. Thomas H. Quinan,
“ John Francis Hoff,	“ Francis Peck,
“ John W. Hoffman,	“ Thomas James Wyatt.

The lay delegates who were members of the last annual convention, being considered as entitled to seats in the special convention, and the names being called, it appeared that there were thirty-eight delegates present, namely:—

Mr. Horatio C. Scott,	Mr. Wm. W. Laird,
Dr. Thomas W. Stone,	“ John S. Martin,
“ James Stewart,	“ Samuel G. Smith,
Hon. F. F. Chambers,	“ Parker H. Lee,
Mr. John Thomas,	“ Edward Boyer,
“ Edward A. Howard,	“ George Howard,
“ Grafton Tyler,	“ Wm. J. Ross,
Dr. Frederick H. Knapp,	Dr. Hanson Penn,
Mr. J. H. Brice,	Mr. Josias Hawkins,
“ John Somervell,	Dr. Allen Thomas,
“ Thomas W. Veazey,	Mr. Thomas J. Marshall,
Dr. Stevens Gambrill,	“ Philip Lansdale,
“ Frederick Dorsey,	“ Samuel I. Donaldson,
Mr. Nathan Dickerson,	“ James Howard,
“ Thomas J. Clagett,	“ Thomas S. Alexander,
“ Benjamin Mullikin,	“ William Brogden,
“ John E. Hayward,	“ Francis S. Key,
“ Edward P. Philpott,	“ Washington Duvall,
“ Joshua Hutchins,	“ John Lowry.

• The following gentlemen, who had not attended the annual convention, presented their testimonials as lay delegates and

signed the declaration required by the second article of the constitution :—

Mr. Thomas Berry,
“ H. G. S. Key,
“ Thomas Turner,
“ Jacob Nollner,
Hon. Judge Brice,
Mr. Wm. G. Ridgely,
“ John P. Ingle,
“ Allen B. Davis,

Mr. Robert R. Richardson,
“ Wm. K. Travers,
“ Samuel H. Henry, —
“ John S. Gittings,
“ Joseph Graves,
“ Wm. Krebs,
“ Robert Graham.

The president of the convention, Dr. WYATT, then made the following address :

BRETHREN,

This convention is assembled under the provisions of the 7th article of the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Maryland ; and the 6th article of the same instrument furnishes the ground for this address. A principal object is briefly to state the circumstances which have occasioned the measure of a special convention at so advanced a period of the season.

Soon after it became known to the diocese that the reverend gentleman, elected by you to the episcopal office at the convention in June last, had declined accepting the appointment, there prevailed among many an impression that a special convention was desired. You will, I trust, approve your chairman's determination to assume no spontaneous agency or responsibility in the matter ; but to be governed by the judgment which the committee, residing remotely from each other, should form. Acting upon this principle, when it was found that the opinions of the members of the standing committee, assembled in relation to the measure, were equally divided, a casting vote was not given by the chair ; and the subject thus, in fact, remained open to be finally determined at a succeeding meeting. Upon the second meeting of the committee, the desire among the members for a special convention was almost unanimous ; and therefore, immediately after their adjournment, notification was sent to the clergy and delegates to convene here upon the earliest day which the secular business of gentlemen already appointed to represent several of the parishes would admit.

The single object is known to be the election of a properly qualified person to the office of Bishop; and in the large number of members who have taken their seats, I am much gratified in observing an evidence of the justice of the conclusion, that it was both practicable and desirable to attend at this time for the performance of the duty.

Observations and enquiries not unfrequently heard, may render it expedient to add, that no concerted action or arrangement has been made or proposed, in view of facilitating your proceedings, simply upon the ground, that, if such were necessary and practicable, it would have been unauthorised. And we are here convened, subject to no known guidance but His, "from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed;" and claiming his gracious promise, that if we "lean not to our own understanding," but "commit our way unto the Lord, He will bring it to pass."

In looking forward to the proposed transactions of the present body, while I cannot refrain from soliciting again the useful suggestions, the forbearance, and the kind acceptance of imperfect services, which your chairman has so often experienced at your hands, you will allow me to remind you that our proceedings are subject to the scrutiny of a promiscuous assembly. Unacquainted with the common difficulties of deliberative bodies, and with the canonical requisitions under which we act, some may receive impressions unfavorable to the spirit and order of our ecclesiastical assemblies. Retracing calmly the occurrences of the last, as also of prior conventions, I have great confidence in the persuasion, that, although there may have been moments of excitement, marked by observations in debate, which none would wish recalled more earnestly than the speakers themselves, yet the spirit and course of procedure were, in general, highly honorable to the christian character of its members, and to the church in whose service they are employed. It is peculiarly gratifying to remember that this corresponds with the perfect harmony subsisting between the individuals in social, and in other official intercourse. Let us be careful to maintain even a more guarded and elevated christian tone. For there is a consideration far more imposing than that of the observation or verdict of the world. Assembled beneath the in-

spection of Almighty God, in his own temple, we are engaged at the foot of the altar, in carrying out the Messiah's work of ransom for perishing men; pledged by vows, often breathed at that altar upon similar occasions, to sacrifice every private regard to the cause of "the body which Christ loved, giving himself for it;" and amenable for all that we think and feel, as well as speak and do, at his own fearful tribunal. This consciousness being the constraining principle under which you all act, no more than passing reference to the established rules of decorum in debate can be called for from the chair.

Before I shall sit down, there is one point to which I would most respectfully ask permission to allude. Such unavoidable publicity has been given, in the past transactions of this body, to the fact that your chairman's name, among others, has been referred to with regard to the supply of the vacant office, that he can now scarcely be open to unfavorable imputations in alluding to the fact so far as to request, *explicitly and earnestly, that it may not again be involved in the debate.* A variety of considerations urge him powerfully to this measure, which is adopted without counsel with his friends, but in the earnest hope that it may, in some degree at least, facilitate the object of your assembly. Those warm hearted and partial friends, of whose many years of kind offices he dare not allow himself here to speak with all the gratitude which he feels, will forgive this repetition of an act, adopted with much deliberation and prayer, but upon his own responsibility. And those brethren, who, in the conscientious exercise of their privileges and duties to Christ and his church, have pursued an opposite course, will allow the chairman, as he withdraws from being any longer the involuntary cause of division, to thank *them* also for the courtesy with which their opposition has been generally conducted; and to ask forgiveness if in any thing he has seemed, however unconsciously, to "forget the more excellent way," or to afford provocations to an opposite spirit.

It was on motion, *Resolved*, that the President's address, and the letter of the committee to the Rev. Dr. Dorr, acquainting him with his election as bishop of this diocese, together with his reply thereto, be published on the journal of this convention.

Letter of the Committee to the Rev. Dr. Dorr.

BALTIMORE, June 1st, 1839.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,

It is with singular pleasure that we discharge a duty allotted us by the annual convention, held in Baltimore, from the 29th of May, to the 1st of June inclusive.

On the third day of the session, the order of clergy, with a very gratifying unanimity, nominated you, canonically, to the office of Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Maryland. The laity, forthwith, almost unanimously, confirmed the appointment, thus consummating the election.

Should we, however, communicate no more than this fact, we should feel that our welcome task, and the expectations of the church in conferring it, were very imperfectly fulfilled.

Strong as the appeal which arises from such a transaction always is, the circumstances which distinguished this measure, render it peculiarly forcible. And the persuasion that your agency and administration, under the Divine blessing, will speedily be the means of imparting to the diocese harmony and prosperity, together with the great esteem and respect in which your character and qualifications are held by us, combine to cherish the strongest desires, that you should accept the appointment of which we have the honor to notify you.

Allow us to unite our individual solicitations, with those of the Church of Maryland, that you will, at your earliest convenience, inform us of your acceptance of this appointment.

The delegate from Trinity Parish, Washington, having informed the convention, that he was authorised to communicate to the gentlemen, who might be appointed to the Episcopate of Maryland, that that parish, affording an income of about \$1100 per annum, would be vacant in November, and that the vestry had resolved to offer the rectorship of it to the bishop; the convention also, before their adjournment, resolved, that in addition

to the salary of this parish, the sum of \$2,500 should be secured by them to the Bishop.

Be assured, reverend and dear sir, of our very respectful and affectionate consideration.

W. E. WYATT,
J. JOHNS.

P. S. We would not convey the idea that the convention do, in any manner or degree, recognise the proffer of Trinity parish, as a *diocesan* arrangement. Measures have been adopted to procure a permanent episcopal fund, the income of which will, we trust, afford a more ample salary than that now named; and the acceptance or rejection of the parish will rest entirely with yourself.

W. E. WYATT,
J. JOHNS.

PHILADELPHIA, *June 5th*, 1839.

REV. AND DEAR SIRS :

Your letter of the 1st instant, conveying the official information of my election to the office of Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the diocese of Maryland, came to hand on Monday. On the Saturday preceding I received an informal announcement of my appointment, and have since given to the subject my most devout attention. After viewing it in every possible light, with fervent prayers that Divine Grace would guide me to a right decision, I can see no reasons for accepting the appointment so strong as those which require me to remain in my present position. Regarding it as a high honor to have been so distinguished, I must, nevertheless, from the clearest convictions of duty, beg leave respectfully to decline the office to which your convention have elected me.

With very great respect and esteem,

I remain your friend and brother,

BENJAMIN DORR.

To the *Rev. William E. Wyatt, D. D.*, and
Rev. John Johns, D. D.

The following petition was presented :

To the Convention of the

Protestant Episcopal Church, for the Diocese of Maryland :

The petition of the vestry of St. Peter's Parish, Alleghany county, respectfully represents: That a separate congregation with the title above-mentioned, has been regularly organized in the county aforesaid, within the limits of Emanuel parish, and incorporated according to law, at *Lonaconing*, for the accommodation of persons residing there and remote from the parish aforesaid:—that the Rev. John Owen, has been appointed rector of St. Peter's parish and a vestry and wardens also elected conformably to law and the usages of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

The vestry therefore respectfully ask to be taken into connexion with the convention, and to be admitted to the rights and privileges enjoyed by parishes, and other congregations of the diocese.

William Shaw,
Richard Serpell,
Robert Graham,
Henry Webster,

Henry Hermann,
Frederick Schmida,
F. Pauer,
Charles B. Shaw.

The above petition was referred to a committee consisting of the Rev. Mr. McElhiney, Samuel I. Donaldson, Esq. and H. G. S. Key, Esq.

The committee appointed at the former special convention on the application of the church of the Ascension, made the following report :

The undersigned members of the committee to which was referred the application of the church of the Ascension in the city of Baltimore, for admission into the diocese, report: That having satisfactory reasons to believe, that the said congregation has complied with the requisitions of the law, they recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, that the church of the Ascension in the city of Baltimore, be received into the diocese of Maryland.

N. BRICE,
JAMES HOWARD.

November 28th, 1839.

The above report and accompanying resolution were adopted.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of St. Peter's church, Alleghany, respectfully report:

That it appears from the documents presented by the petitioners that the congregation of said church has been duly organized, and therefore the adoption of the following resolution is recommended.

Resolved, that St. Peter's church, Alleghany county, be received into connexion with this diocese.

The above report was accepted and the accompanying resolution adopted:

It was on motion, *Resolved*, that a committee be appointed by the chair, consisting of four clergymen and four laymen, for the purpose of conferring together and recommending to the convention, a suitable person for bishop of this diocese; whereupon the following committee was appointed. Rev. Mr. McKenney, Rev. Mr. Pinkney, Rev. Mr. Chesley, Rev. Mr. Beall, E. F. Chambers, Esq., S. I. Donaldson, Esq., Francis S. Key, Esq., James Howard, Esq.

The committee were instructed to report at 9 o'clock, tomorrow morning, and the convention adjourned to that hour.

FRIDAY, *November 29th*, 1839.

The convention met at 9 o'clock this morning according to adjournment.

Prayers were read by the Rev. Mr. Gilliss.

The following lay delegates (who were members of the last convention) appeared this morning, and took their seats:

Mr. James B. Robins, Gen'l. James Sewell, Mr. Merritt Miller, Mr. Joseph F. Shaw, Mr. Samuel J. Briscoe, Mr. James Duke, and Mr. Robert W. Bowie. Also, the following new members, Mr. Morris Shanks and Mr. E. J. Middleton, who presented their certificates and signed the declaration, as required by the constitution.

The Rev. Henry Williams, Rev. Olcott Bulkley and Rev. Matthias Harris, appeared and took their seats.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

The committees appointed at the last convention, on the rights of clergymen to seats, on elections of lay delegates, and on parochial contributions, were continued.

A vacancy occurring in the committee on elections, it was filled with the name of Dr. Hanson Penn. To this committee the testimonials of the new delegates were referred, and immediately reported upon as being correct; and that all the delegates were entitled to seats.

The committee appointed to recommend a suitable person for the office of Bishop of this diocese, made the following report, which was accepted:

"That after mature deliberation, they have unanimously resolved to name *two* individuals, to be balloted for simultaneously by the orders of clergy and laity separately, until one of them has obtained two-thirds of each order, and that he then be presented to the clergy for their nomination. The persons recommended are the Rev. Dr. Whittingham, and the Rev. A. M. Marbury, M. D.

J. A. McKENNEY,

Chairman of the Committee."

The Rev. Dr. Marbury having declined serving, the report was, on leave withdrawn, and recommitted to the same committee.

The report was again presented, substituting the name of the Rev'd. Dr. Humphreys for the name of Dr. Marbury, who also declined serving; and leave being given, the report was again withdrawn, and recommitted as before, when the Rev. Henry V. D. Johns was nominated in the place of Dr. Humphreys.

It was on motion, *Resolved*, that the two orders now separate for the purpose of balloting.

The tellers appointed, were the Rev. Mr. Gilliss and the Rev. Mr. Phillips, on the part of the clergy—and Mr. James Howard and Mr. H. G. S. Key, of the laity. The balloting resulted as follows:

VOTES OF THE CLERGY.

1st ballot.—Rev. Dr. Whittingham, . . .	29
“ H. V. D. Johns, . . .	26
2d ballot.—Rev. Dr. Whittingham, . . .	29
“ Mr. Johns, . . .	27

3d ballot.—Rev. Dr. Whittingham,	. . .	29
“ Mr. Johns,	. . .	27
4th ballot.—Rev. Dr. Whittingham,	. . .	29
“ Mr. Johns,	. . .	27
5th ballot.—Rev. Dr. Whittingham,	. . .	29
“ Mr. Johns,	. . .	27
6th ballot.—Rev. Dr. Whittingham,	. . .	31
“ Mr. Johns,	. . .	25
7th ballot.—Rev. Dr. Whittingham,	. . .	31
“ Mr. Johns,	. . .	25
8th ballot.—Rev. Dr. Whittingham,	. . .	31
“ Mr. Johns,	. . .	25
9th ballot.—Rev. Dr. Whittingham,	. . .	29
“ Mr. Johns,	. . .	27

VOTES OF THE LAITY.

1st ballot.—Rev. Dr. Whittingham,	. . .	33
“ Mr. Johns,	. . .	28
2d ballot.—Rev. Dr. Whittingham,	. . .	35
“ Mr. Johns,	. . .	26
3d ballot.—Rev. Dr. Whittingham,	. . .	33
“ Mr. Johns,	. . .	24
4th ballot.—Rev. Dr. Whittingham,	. . .	32
“ Mr. Johns,	. . .	23
5th ballot.—Rev. Dr. Whittingham,	. . .	36
“ Mr. Johns,	. . .	25
6th ballot.—Rev. Dr. Whittingham,	. . .	38
“ Mr. Johns,	. . .	22
7th ballot.—Rev. Dr. Whittingham,	. . .	38
“ Mr. Johns,	. . .	23
8th ballot.—Rev. Dr. Whittingham,	. . .	37
“ Mr. Johns,	. . .	24
9th ballot.—Rev. Dr. Whittingham,	. . .	36
“ Mr. Johns,	. . .	23

Adjourned till 6 o'clock, P. M.

The committee on parochial contributions reported, that they had received from St. James' parish, West River, the sum of twenty dollars, due from said parish to the bishop's fund :—and from Broad creek church, Prince George's county, the sum of seven dollars, being the amount of arrearages due from said church.

HENRY M. MASON,
H. C. SCOTT.

The above amount of \$27 was handed to the secretary, and by him paid over to the treasurer, in whose account it will appear to the credit of the parishes above named.

At 3 o'clock, P. M., a motion was made and seconded, to adjourn sine die, and withdrawn; and being renewed in another form, namely to adjourn, the question was taken by orders and decided in the negative :

Ayes, 21—noes, 34 Clergy.

Ayes, 23—noes, 36 Laity.

as follows :

AYES.

Rev. C. C. Austin,
" Henry H. Bean,
" Upton Beall,
" Olcott Bulkley,
" W. F. Chesley,
" Matthias Harris,
" William Hawley,
" J. P. K. Henshaw,
" John Francis Hoff,
" Alfred Holmead,
" John Johns,
" Henry S. Keppler,
" G. L. Mackenheimer,
" Robert Piggot,
" Francis Peck,
" Joshua Peterkin,
" John P. Robinson,
" John P. Robins,
" Joseph Trapnell,
" Joseph Trapnell, Jr.
" Simon Wilmer,—21.

NOES.

Rev. Henry Aisquith,
" James Abercrombie,
" John Alberger,
" Thomas Billopp,
" Thomas Bayne,
" Enoch Bayley,
" John Claxton,
" Henry Crosdale,
" John Delaplane,
" L. I. Gilliss,
" R. W. Goldsborough,
" R. Lloyd Goldsborough,
" Hugh T. Harrison,
" John W. Hoffman,
" Hector Humphreys,
" Orlando Hutton,
" John R. Keech,
" Samuel C. Kerr,
" George McElhiney,
" R. Mitchell,
" Alex. M. Marbury,
" James A. McKenney,

NOES.

Rev. Henry M. Mason,
 " John Owen,
 " William Pinkney,
 " Richard H. Phillips,
 " T. H. Quinan,
 " Joseph Spencer,
 " E. M. Van Deusen,
 " W. E. Wyatt,
 " John Wiley,
 " Henry Williams,
 " R. H. Waters,
 " Thos. James Wyatt,—34.

AYES.

Wm. G. Ridgely,
 John P. Ingle,
 John S. Gittings,
 Thomas Turner,
 A. B. Davis,
 Jacob Nollner,
 Horatio C. Scott,
 Grafton Tyler,
 Frederick H. Knapp,
 John Somervell,
 John E. Hayward,
 Joshua Hutchins,
 John S. Martin,
 Wm. J. Ross,
 Thomas J. Marshall,
 James Howard,
 Francis S. Key,
 Wm. Krebs,
 Washington Duvall,
 E. J. Middleton,
 James B. Robins,
 James Duke,
 John Lowry,—23.

NOES.

Thomas Berry,
 Samuel H. Henry,
 H. G. S. Key,
 Joseph Graves,
 Thomas W. Stone,
 James Stewart,
 E. F. Chambers,
 John Thomas,
 Edward A. Howard,
 J. H. Brice,
 Thomas W. Veazey,
 Frederick Dorsey,
 Nathan Dickerson,
 Thomas J. Clagett,
 Benjamin Mullikin,
 Edward P. Philpott,
 Wm. W. Laird,
 Samuel G. Smith,
 Parker H. Lee,
 Edward Boyer,
 George Howard,
 Hanson Penn,
 Josias Hawkins,
 Allen Thomas,
 Philip Lansdale,

NOMIN.

Samuel I. Donaldson,
 Thomas S. Alexander,
 William Brogden,
 Robert R. Richardson,
 N. Brice,
 Wm. K. Travers,
 Robert Graham,
 Morris Shanks,
 James Sewall,
 Joseph F. Shaw,
 Samuel J. Briscoe,—36.

It was moved and seconded, that the further *informal* proceedings of this convention to obtain a nomination be now suspended, and that the *constitutional* mode being resorted to, the question of the election of a candidate for a bishop be referred to the clergy. This motion was negatived.

It was then moved and seconded, to renew the balloting, for bishop; but this motion was lost.

The subject of nominating a candidate was then again referred to the committee of conference, and a motion being made at 4 o'clock, P. M., to adjourn until 6 o'clock this evening, it was carried and the convention adjourned accordingly.

At 6 o'clock, P. M., the convention again met.

The committee of conference, after much deliberation, presented their report, nominating the Rev. Dr. Wyatt and Rev. Dr. Johns.

The convention then went into the tenth ballot; which resulted as follows:

Votes of the clergy, for Dr. Johns, . . .	27
“ “ “ Dr. Wyatt, . . .	26
Votes of the laity, for Dr. Wyatt, . . .	33
“ “ “ Dr. Johns, . . .	25

The convention were then proceeding to a second ballot for the same gentlemen, when Dr. Wyatt returned to the chair, and stated that the change of circumstances under which his name had been brought out, had seemed to demand his silence under the nomination; but that he now again asked leave to withdraw

from another balloting; and, earnestly requesting that his name should not again be presented, he nominated the Rev. Dr. Taylor, of Grace church, New York. Dr. Johns was then nominated by a member of the convention; and it was *resolved* that the clergy proceed according to the mode provided by the constitution. The clergy then proceeded to ballot, Dr. Taylor and Dr. Johns being in nomination.

11th ballot.—Votes of the clergy for Dr. Taylor, . . . 28
 “ “ “ Dr. Johns, . . . 27

12th ballot.—Votes of the clergy for Dr. Taylor, . . . 28
 “ “ “ Dr. Johns, . . . 26
 “ “ “ Dr. Wyatt, . . . 1

The name of the Rev. Dr. Taylor was then withdrawn and the Rev. George McElhiney nominated.

13th ballot.—Votes of the clergy for Dr. Johns, . . . 28
 “ “ “ Rev. Mr. McElhiney, 25
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A motion was then made to adjourn; the question was decided in the negative, by ayes and noes, as follows:

AYES.

Rev. Henry H. Bean,
 “ Upton Beall,
 “ Olcott Bulkley,
 “ W. F. Chesley,
 “ John Delaplane,
 “ William Hawley,
 “ J. P. K. Henshaw,
 “ John Francis Hoff,
 “ Alfred Holmead,
 “ Henry S. Keppler,
 “ Geo. L. Mackenheimer,
 “ Alexander M. Marbury,
 “ Richard H. Phillips,
 “ Robert Piggot,
 “ Joshua Peterkin,
 “ Francis Peck,
 “ Thomas H. Quinn,

NOES.

Rev. Henry Aisquith,
 “ Charles C. Austin,
 “ James Abercrombie,
 “ John Alberger,
 “ Thomas Billopp,
 “ Thomas Bayne,
 “ Enoch Bayley,
 “ John Claxton,
 “ Henry Crosdale,
 “ Levin I. Gilliss,
 “ R. W. Goldsborough,
 “ R. Lloyd Goldsborough,
 “ Matthias Harris,
 “ Hu. T. Harrison,
 “ Orlando Hutton,
 “ John W. Hoffman,
 “ John R. Keech,

AYES.

Rev. John P. Robinson,
 " John P. Robins,
 " Joseph Trapnell,
 " Joseph Trapnell, Jr.
 " Simon Wilmer,—22.

NOES.

Rev. Samuel C. Kerr,
 " George McElhiney,
 " R. Mitchell,
 " James A. McKenney,
 " Henry M. Mason,
 " John Owen,
 " William Pinkney,
 " Joseph Spencer,
 " Edwin M. Van Deusen,
 " John Wiley,
 " Lemuel Wilmer,
 " Henry Williams,
 " R. H. Waters,
 " Thos. James Wyatt,—31.

AYES.

Mr. Wm. G. Ridgely,
 " John P. Ingle,
 " John S. Gittings,
 " Thos. Turner,
 " Jacob Nollner,
 " Horatio C. Scott,
 " Grafton Tyler,
 " Frederick H. Knapp,
 " John Somervell,
 " John E. Hayward,
 " Joshua Hutchins,
 " Wm. J. Ross,
 " Thos. J. Marshall,
 " James Howard,
 " Francis S. Key,
 " Wm. Krebs,
 " Washington Duvall,
 " E. J. Middleton,
 " James B. Robins,
 " James Duke,
 " John Lowry,
 " Thomas Berry,—22.

NOES.

Mr. Samuel H. Henry,
 " H. G. S. Key,
 " Joseph Graves,
 " Thomas W. Stone,
 " James Stewart,
 " E. F. Chambers,
 " Edward A. Howard,
 " J. H. Brice,
 " Thomas W. Veazey,
 " Stevens Gambrell,
 " Frederick Dorsey,
 " Nathan Dickerson,
 " Thomas J. Clagett,
 " Benjamin Mullikin,
 " Edward P. Philpot,
 " Wm. W. Laird,
 " John S. Martin,
 " Samuel G. Smith,
 " Parker H. Lee,
 " Edward Boyer,
 " George Howard,
 " Hanson Penn,
 " Josias Hawkins,
 " Allen Thomas,
 " Philip Lansdale,

NOES.

Mr. S. I. Donaldson,
 “ William Brogden,
 “ Robt. R. Richardson,
 “ Nicholas Brice,
 “ Wm. K. Travers,
 “ Morris Shanks,
 “ James Sewall,
 “ Joseph F. Shaw,
 “ Samuel J. Briscoe,—34.

The Rev. George McElhiney's name was then withdrawn and the Rev. Dr. Whittingham's substituted.

14th ballot of the clergy.—For Dr. Whittingham, . . . 30
 For Dr. Johns, . . . 25

It was then on motion, *Resolved*, that when this convention adjourn it be until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

15th ballot of the clergy.—For Dr. Whittingham, . . . 31
 For Dr. Johns, . . . 23
 For Rev. H. V. D. Johns, . . . 1

A motion was then made to suspend the balloting, for the purpose of offering a resolution, and carried. The resolution was then submitted in the words following:

“*Resolved*, that the diocese of Maryland be put under the supervision of the Right Rev. Bishop Doane, until the Episcopal chair in this diocese be filled.”

The above resolution being seconded, and the vote being required to be taken by orders, and the ayes and noes called for, the question was decided in the affirmative, by the following vote:

AYES.

Rev. Henry Aisquith,
 “ John Alberger,
 “ James Abercrombie,
 “ Thomas Billopp,
 “ Thomas Bayne,
 “ Enoch Bayley,
 “ John Claxton,
 “ Henry Crosdale,
 “ Levin I. Gilliss,

NOES.

Rev. Charles C. Austin,
 “ Henry H. Bean,
 “ Upton Beall,
 “ Olcott Bulkley,
 “ William F. Chesley,
 “ John Delaplane,
 “ Matthias Harris,
 “ William Hawley,
 “ J. P. K. Henshaw,

AYES.

Rev. Robert W. Goldsborough,
 " Robt. Lloyd Goldsborough,
 " Hu. T. Harrison,
 " Hector Humphreys,
 " John W. Hoffman,
 " Orlando Hutton,
 " John R. Keech,
 " Samuel C. Kerr,
 " George McElhiney,
 " Richard Mitchell,
 " James A. McKenney,
 " Henry M. Mason,
 " John Owen,
 " William Pinkney,
 " Joseph Spencer,
 " Edwin M. Van Deusen,
 " W. E. Wyatt,
 " John Wiley,
 " Henry Williams,
 " R. H. Waters,
 " Thos. James Wyatt,—30,

NOES.

Rev. Alfred Holmead,
 " John Francis Hoff,
 " John Johns,
 " Henry S. Keppler,
 " George L. Mackenheimer,
 " Alex. M. Marbury,
 " Francis Peck,
 " Robert Piggot,
 " Joshua Peterkin,
 " Thomas H. Quinan,
 " John P. Robinson,
 " John P. Robins,
 " Joseph Trapnell,
 " Joseph Trapnell, Jr.
 " Lemuel Wilmer,
 " Simon Wilmer,—25.

AYES,

Thomas Berry,
 Samuel H. Henry,
 Thomas W. Stone,
 James Stewart,
 E. F. Chambers,
 Edward A. Howard,
 J. H. Brice,
 Thomas W. Veazey,
 Stevens Gambrill,
 Frederick Dorsey,
 Nathan Dickerson,
 Thomas J. Clagett,
 Benjamin Mullikin,
 Edward P. Philpot,
 Joshua Hutchins,
 Wm. W. Laird,
 John S. Martin,
 Samuel G. Smith,

NOES.

Wm. G. Ridgely,
 H. G. S. Key,
 John P. Ingle,
 John S. Gittings,
 Thomas Turner,
 Joseph Graves,
 Jacob Nollner,
 Horatio C. Scott,
 Grafton Tyler,
 Frederick H. Knapp,
 John Somervell,
 Wm. J. Ross,
 Thomas J. Marshall,
 James Howard,
 William Brogden,
 Francis S. Key,
 Robert R. Richardson,
 William Krebs,

AYES.

NOES.

Parker H. Lee,
Edward Boyer,
George Howard,
Hanson Penn,
Josias Hawkins,
Allen Thomas,
Philip Lansdale,
Samuel I. Donaldson,
Thomas S. Alexander,
Nicholas Brice,
Wm. K. Travers,
Robert Graham,
Morris Shanks,
Joseph F. Shaw,
Samuel J. Briscoe,—33.

Washington Duvall,
E. J. Middleton,
James B. Robins,
James Duke,
John Lowry,—23.

On motion, *Resolved*, that the fund annually collected from the parishes of this diocese for the support of the Episcopate, be appropriated to the Right Rev. Bishop Doane, for his expenses, and at the same rate for any shorter period of time.

The balloting was resumed.

16th ballot of the clergy.—For Dr. Whittingham, . . . 31
For Dr. Johns, . . . 24

17th ballot of the clergy.—For Dr. Whittingham, . . . 30
For Dr. Johns, . . . 24
Blank, . . . 1

18th ballot of the clergy.—For Dr. Whittingham, . . . 29
For Dr. Johns, . . . 26

On motion, *Resolved*, that the usual appropriation be paid to the secretary for his services at this time; and that the sum of twenty dollars be paid to the sexton of St. Paul's church.

A reconsideration of the resolution adjourning the convention until 10 o'clock, to-morrow morning, was called up and the resolution was rescinded.

It was at 3 o'clock, A. M., moved and seconded to adjourn sine die, and carried by the following vote taken by ayes and noes.

AYES.

Rev. Henry Aisquith,
 " Charles C. Austin,
 " Henry H. Bean,
 " Upton Beall,
 " Olcott Bulkley,
 " William F. Chesley,
 " John Delaplane,
 " Matthias Harris,
 " William Hawley,
 " J. P. K. Henshaw,
 " Alfred Holmead,
 " John Francis Hoff,
 " John Johns,
 " Henry S. Keppler,
 " John R. Keech,
 " Geo. L. Mackenheimer,
 " Alex. M. Marbury,
 " Francis Peck,
 " Richard H. Phillips,
 " Robert Piggot,
 " Joshua Peterkin,
 " Thomas H. Quinan,
 " John P. Robinson,
 " John P. Robins,
 " Joseph Trapnell,
 " Joseph Trapnell, Jr.
 " Lemuel Wilmer,
 " Henry Williams,
 " Simon Wilmer,—29.

NOES.

Rev. James Abercrombie,
 " John Alberger,
 " Thomas Billopp,
 " Thomas Bayne,
 " Enoch Bayley,
 " John Claxton,
 " Henry Crossdale,
 " Levin I. Gillias,
 " Robert W. Goldsborough,
 " Robt. Lloyd Goldsborough,
 " Hugh T. Harrison,
 " Hector Humphreys,
 " Orlando Hutton,
 " John W. Hoffman,
 " Samuel C. Kerr,
 " George McElhiney,
 " R. Mitchell,
 " James A. McKenney,
 " Henry M. Mason,
 " John Owen,
 " William Pinkney,
 " Joseph Spencer,
 " Edwin M. Van Deusen,
 " William E. Wyatt,
 " John Wiley,
 " R. H. Waters,
 " Thos. James Wyatt,—27.

AYES.

Mr. Thomas Berry,
 " William G. Ridgely,
 " H. G. S. Key,
 " John P. Ingle,
 " John S. Gittings,
 " Thomas Turner,
 " Joseph Graves,
 " Jacob Nollner,
 " Horatio C. Scott,
 " Grafton Tyler,

NOES.

Mr. Samuel H. Henry,
 " Thomas W. Stone,
 " James Stewart,
 " E. F. Chambers,
 " Edward A. Howard,
 " J. H. Brice,
 " Thomas W. Veazey,
 " Stevens Gambrill,
 " Frederick Dorney,
 " Nathan Dickerson,

AYES.

Mr. Frederick H. Knapp,
 “ John Somervell,
 “ John E. Hayward,
 “ Joshua Hutchins,
 “ John S. Martin,
 “ George Howard,
 “ William J. Ross,
 “ Allen Thomas,
 “ Thomas J. Marshall,
 “ James Howard,
 “ Francis S. Key,
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 “ E. J. Middleton,
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 “ Samuel J. Briscoe,
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 “ John Lowry,—28.

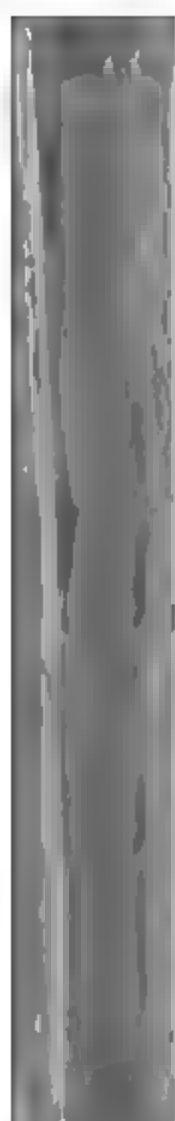
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Mr. Thomas J. Clagett,
 “ Benjamin Mullikin,
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 “ Thomas S. Alexander,
 “ William Brogden,
 “ N. Brice,
 “ Wm. K. Travers,
 “ Morris Shanks,
 “ Joseph F. Shaw,—27.

The convention was then concluded with prayer and benediction by the president, at 3 o'clock, A. M. on Saturday.

W. E. WYATT,
President of the Convention.

RICHARD M. HALL, *Sec'y.*



LIST OF THE CLERGY,

Who attended the Special Convention, November, 1839.

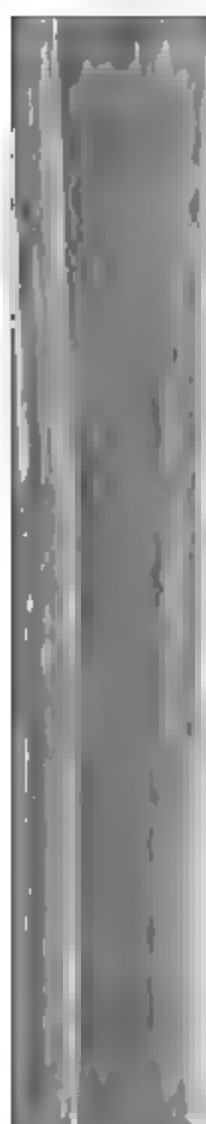
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 " Joseph Trapnell, Jr.
 " Edwin M. Van Deusen,
 " William E. Wyatt, D. D.
 " Thomas James Wyatt,
 " John Wiley,
 " Lemuel Wilmer,
 " Simon Wilmer,
 " Richard Henry Waters,
 " Henry Williams.

LIST OF THE LAY DELEGATES,

Who attended the Special Convention, held in Baltimore, Nov'r, 1839.

- Hon. Nicholas Brice, }
 Mr. Samuel I. Donaldson, } St. Paul's Parish, Baltimore.
- " William Krebs, St. Peter's Church, Baltimore.
- " James Howard, }
 " John S. Gittings, } Christ Church, Baltimore.
- " Frederick H. Knapp, }
 " John Lowry, } St. Andrew's Church, Baltimore.
- " Robert R. Richardson, Church of the Ascension, Baltimore.
- " Joshua Hutchins, St. James' Parish, Baltimore county.
- " Edward P. Philpot, St. John's Church, Baltimore county.
- " John Henry Brice, Sherwood Chapel, Baltimore county.
- " Edward A. Howard, St. John's Parish, Balt. and Harford cos.
- " Parker H. Lee, Christ's Church, Harford county.
- " Samuel G. Smith, St. George's Parish, Harford county.
- " Philip Lansdale, St. John's Church, Harford county.
- " Francis S. Key, Trinity Parish, Washington city.
- " John P. Ingle, Washington Parish, Washington city.
- " Jacob Nollner, St. John's Parish, Washington city.
- " William G. Ridgely, St. John's Parish, Georgetown, D. C.
- " Thomas Turner, Christ's Church, Georgetown, D. C.
- " E. J. Middleton, Rock Creek Parish, D. C.
- " Thomas S. Alexander, St. Ann's Parish, Annapolis,
- Dr. Stevens Gambrill, Severn Church, Anne Arundel county.
- Mr. Benjamin Mullikin, St. Margaret's Parish, Anne Arundel co.
- " John Thomas, St. James Parish, Anne Arundel county.
- Dr. Allen Thomas, Christ Church, Queen Caroline Parish, A. A. co.
- Gov. Geo. Howard, St. John's Church, Queen Caroline Parish, Anne Arundel county.
- Dr. William Brogden, All Hallows' Parish, Anne Arundel county.
- Mr. Nathan Dickerson, Prince Georges' Parish, Montgomery co.
- " Allen B. Davis, St. Bartholomew's Parish, Montgomery co.
- " William J. Ross, All Saint's Parish, Frederick county.
- " Thomas John Clagett, St. Marks' Parish, Frederick county.
- Dr. Frederick Dorsey, St. Johns' Parish, Hagerstown, Washington county.



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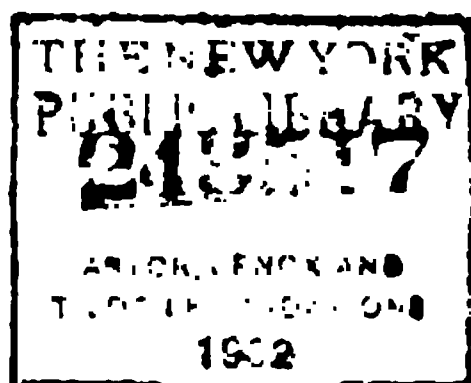
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BALTIMORE, *Wednesday, May 27th*, 1840.

The Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Maryland, commenced its session in St. Paul's Church, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

The morning prayer was read by the Rev. Dr. Henshaw—the ante-communion service by the Rev. Dr. Johns.

The Rev. Mr. Wiley preached the convention sermon.

The Lord's supper was administered by the Rev. Dr. Wyatt, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Johns.

The names of the clergy who were entitled to seats at the last convention, were called over by the Secretary, when it appeared that there were forty-three members present, namely :—

Rev. Henry Aisquith,
“ Charles C. Austin,
“ James Abercrombie,
“ Henry H. Bean,
“ Olcott Bulkley,
“ William F. Chesley,
“ John Claxton,
“ Henry Crosdale,
“ John Delaplane,

Rev. Levin I. Gilliss,
“ Robt. Lloyd Goldsborough,
“ Hugh T. Harrison,
“ William Hawley,
“ J. P. K. Henshaw, D. D.
“ Orlando Hutton,
“ John W. Hoffman,
“ John Francis Hoff,
“ John Johns, D. D.

Rev. Norris M. Jones,
 “ Clement F. Jones,
 “ Henry S. Keppler,
 “ George McElhiney,
 “ G. L. Mackenheimer,
 “ James A. McKenney,
 “ Henry M. Mason, D. D.
 “ John Owen,
 “ William Pinkney,
 “ Robert Prout,
 “ Richard H. Phillips,
 “ Francis Peck,
 “ Robert Piggot,

Rev. Joshua Peterkin,
 “ John P. Robinson,
 “ John P. Robins,
 “ Joseph Trapnell,
 “ Joseph Trapnell, jr.,
 “ Edwin M. Van Deusen,
 “ John Wiley,
 “ Lemuel Wilmer,
 “ Henry Williams,
 “ Richard H. Waters,
 “ Thomas James Wyatt,
 “ William E. Wyatt, D. D.

The following names, in addition to the foregoing, were reported by the Secretary of the standing committee.

Rev. Kinsey Johns Stewart,
 “ James B. Noblit,
 “ James A. Buck,

Rev. Zachariah H. Goldsmith,
 “ Samuel C. Davis.

The lay delegates presented their testimonials and signed the declaration required by the second article of the constitution, namely:—

Mr. George W. Biscoe,
 “ Ezekiel F. Chambers,
 “ Thomas W. Stone,
 “ James Sewall,
 “ William Williams,
 “ Samuel I. Donaldson,
 “ Edward D. Kemp,
 “ Rowland Ellis,
 “ William Woodward,
 “ James Stewart,
 “ John M. Thompson,
 “ Edward A. Howard,
 “ Thomas John Clagett,

Mr. Nicholas Andrews,
 “ John Thomas,
 “ Philip Lansdale,
 “ George W. Purnell,
 “ William Pumphrey,
 “ Benjamin Parsons,
 “ William B. Stone,
 “ Andrew F. Henderson,
 “ Jacob Schlageal,
 “ James Howard,
 “ Thomas S. Alexander,
 “ Parker H. Lee,
 “ Samuel Comegys,

Mr. Thomas W. Veazey,

“ Nathan Dickerson,

“ Francis S. Key,

“ Robert Bowie,

“ Edward W. Owen,

“ Hanson Penn,

“ Jacob Nollner,

“ Wm. Henry Worthington,

“ C. Graham Brown,

“ John D. Grove,

“ Josias Hawkins,

“ Allen P. Bowie,

“ Samuel Hanson,

Mr. Joseph N. Stockett,

“ Nathaniel Duke,

“ Tilghman Hilleary,

“ John Johns,

“ Thomas T. Wheeler,

“ Henry Webster,

“ William Krebs,

“ George Howard,

“ Henry A. Callis,

“ Frederick Dorsey,

“ Joshua Hutchins,

“ Richard Potts,

“ Washington Duvall.

RULES OF ORDER.

1st. The business of every day shall be introduced with prayer.

2d. This convention shall sit for the despatch of business, from 9 o'clock, A. M., until 3 o'clock, P. M.

3d. Every member shall take his seat when the President takes the chair, and remain uncovered until the convention adjourn.

4th. At the opening of each session of the convention, as soon as the President takes the chair, the names of the clergy, who were entitled to seats at the preceding convention, shall be called over by the Secretary of the last convention; or, in case of his absence, by a Secretary pro tem., to be appointed by the President. The lay delegates shall lay their certificates of appointment on the table of the Secretary, and subscribe the declaration required by the constitution. If a constitutional quorum be found present, the President shall thereupon declare the fact, and announce that the convention is organized and ready for business. A Secretary shall be elected. The following committees shall then be appointed by the chair: One of elections, to consist of three, to whom the testimonials of the lay delegates shall be referred; one on accounts, to consist of

three ; one on parochial contributions, to consist of three ; and one on the rights of clergymen to seats in this convention, to consist of three clergymen.

5th. If the Bishop of the Diocess shall not be present at any meeting of the convention, at the opening of the same, the names of the clergy who were entitled to seats at the preceding convention, shall be called over by the Secretary of the last convention ; or, in case of his absence, by the first named member of the standing committee who may be present. The lay delegates shall lay their certificates of appointment on the table, and subscribe the declaration required by the constitution. If a constitutional quorum be present, a President, pro tempore, shall be elected, agreeably to the seventh article of the constitution. A Secretary shall be elected ; and then the chair shall appoint the several committees mentioned in the fourth rule of order.

6th. The standing committee for the preceding year shall be the committee on the state of the church ; and all parochial reports shall be referred to the said committee.

7th. Every member who shall deliver his opinion, or speak in any debate, shall stand up in his place ; and with respect and decency, address himself to the President.

8th. If two or more members shall rise to speak at the same time, the President shall declare who shall speak first.

9th. No member shall speak more than twice in any debate except with leave ; nor shall any member be interrupted while he is speaking in order. And if any member shall rise to speak more than twice on the same question, without leave, the President shall call him to order.

10th. Any member called to order by the President, or by a member, shall thereupon take his seat.

11th. When the convention is sitting, no member shall speak to another, so as to interrupt any member who may be speaking in a debate.

12th. No motion shall be debated until the same be seconded ; and if desired by the President, reduced to writing, and read by the Secretary.

13th. When a motion is made and seconded, the matter of the motion shall receive a determination by the question, unless postponed by a motion for postponement, or by the previous question, before any other motion shall be received.

14th. If a question in debate contains more parts than one, any member may have the same divided into as many questions as there are parts.

15th. All questions of order shall be decided by the President. Upon all questions of order there shall be a right of appeal from the decision of the presiding officer to the convention.

16th. No member shall absent himself from the service of the convention, unless he may have leave, or be unable to attend.

17th. A question being once determined, shall stand as the judgment of the convention; and shall not be again drawn into debate during the same session, except with the consent of two-thirds of the convention.

18th. The foregoing rules of order shall be deemed and considered the rules of order of all future conventions, until altered or rescinded; and the same shall be published in the journal of each convention.

An adjournment until 9 o'clock to morrow morning, was moved and carried.

THURSDAY, *May 28th.*

The convention met at 9 o'clock this morning, according to adjournment.

Divine service was performed by the Rev. Dr. Spencer.

The house was then called to order, when the following clergymen, who were not present yesterday, appeared and took their seats :

Rev. Thomas Billopp,

“ Robert W. Goldsborough,

“ Alfred Holmead,

Rev. John R. Keech,

“ Richard Mitchell,

“ Joseph Spencer, D. D.

Rev. Enoch Bayley,

“ Hector Humphreys, D. D.

“ Leonard H. Johns,

Rev. Samuel C. Kerr,

“ Alex. M. Marbury,

“ Thomas H. Quinan.

The following lay delegates also presented their testimonials, and signed the declaration, namely :—

Mr. J. C. Henry,

“ Benjamin W. Harris,

“ Richard Thomas,

“ Washington Van Bibber,

“ John E. Hayward,

“ Wm. Carmichael,

“ Stevens Gambrill,

Mr. John Lowry,

“ Wm. J. Blakistone,

“ Samuel G. Smith,

“ A. W. Ringgold,

“ Thomas Turner,

“ Thomas Shriver,

“ Edward T. Trippe,

It was then proposed to go into the election for a President (pro tempore,) of the convention. The Rev. Dr. Wyatt and the Rev. Dr. Johns were nominated; the Rev. Mr. Peterkin and Dr. Penn, were appointed tellers; one hundred and twenty-four votes were received, of which number, there were for the Rev. Dr. Wyatt, 64;—for the Rev. Dr. Johns, 60 votes.

The Rev. Dr. Wyatt was conducted to the chair by the Rev. Mr. McElhiney and the Rev. Mr. Peterkin, who were appointed a committee to inform the Rev. Dr. Wyatt of his election.

On taking the chair, the Rev. Dr. Wyatt addressed the house as follows :—

BRETHREN :

From the most brief, though grateful and respectful, acknowledgment of the renewed expression of your confidence, in my appointment to this chair, I shall pass at once to the notice of some circumstances of common interest to us, as members of this body.

The convention will receive, through the official letter of the provisional bishop of the diocese, a history of the valuable services which he has rendered in such sections of the State, as the limited period elapsed since his appointment would allow. To this, it is equally just to the congregations concerned, and to the

Bishop himself, to add, that his impressive performance of episcopal offices, his able and eloquent discourses, as well as his judicious and instructive intercourse with the parishes, have been received with the utmost cordiality and respect; and have inspired gratitude that it was in the heart of the Bishop to avail himself of the opportunity providentially afforded, of adding the care of our bereaved church to that of his own prosperous and happy charge.

During the last twelve months, several of the clergy of the diocess, having fulfilled their stewardship, have been summoned to that fearful account, the anticipation of which should at this time exert so salutary an influence upon every one of us. The Rev. Mr. Easter, whose infirm health had proved a painful obstacle to his ministerial labors before he was brought into membership with our church, had continued notwithstanding to strive for extended usefulness, by adding the charge of a small parish to the important agency which he held in behalf of the Colonization Society; and through many weary months he bore up against the maladies which were gradually conducting him to the consummation of his hopes. He died in the comfort of a firm faith. The Rev. Mr. Williston, too, who, although residing in a distant diocess, retained, it appears, his canonical relation to Maryland, after striving to advance his Master's cause through changes, and trials, and the infirmities attendant upon age, has passed, we trust, from faith and humble hope, to the rest prepared for the people of God. The active mind of Rev. John Forman, who also has been recently called from our ecclesiastical body, had led him to the attainment of much and varied knowledge; but infirm health, and growing years had, for a long time, caused him to retire from parochial duties; and the fruits of those years of study and contemplation, were, we may believe, manifested in the calmness and confidence by which he was sustained even to the end. But a few days have elapsed since another, still older in years and in services to the common sacred cause, the Rev. Simon Wilmer, has closed his ministry upon earth. The circumstances of his death are not known to me; and to many of you, the incidents of his long and

active life, more full perhaps of vicissitude than is usual in our quiet and uniform professional walks, are probably well known. His parishes and the diocess, will long remember the zeal and piety with which he endeavored to do them good; and we receive, from each of these dispensations, a renewed warning to diligence and conscientiousness, for the judge standeth before the door.

When looking forward to the proceedings which will probably occupy this body during their present session, in addition to the confidence derived from the promises of the Great Head of the Church to be present with it, and his ministers to the end of the world, there is comfort to be found in the evidence, so often afforded by yourselves, of the proper influence which a sense of your sacred duties and high responsibilities can exert upon your deliberations and measures. Even the momentary excitements which such a crisis may have been able to create, as well as the wrong impressions which spectators have sometimes received and propagated, to the scandal of our holy communion, have not been without their beneficial results, producing in every one increased watchfulness, not merely to have a conscience void of intentional offence, but to shun the very appearance of evil. The distinguishing goodness of God to our section of his spiritual kingdom is apparent in the unbroken unity of the body. While the Church, during the long period of darkness and corruption which preceded the reformation, was continually agitated by heresies, and rent with schisms; while the various more modern christian associations, notwithstanding their love of Christ and faith in his gospel, are afflicted with divisions which, in many cases, can find no better remedy than at the civil tribunals, we have met, again and again, to deliberate and act upon our vitally important principles, without in any manner rending the seamless vesture of the Redeemer. The touching expression of maternal tenderness so beautifully displayed before the tribunal of the wise king, wherein the true mother entreated that she might sacrifice her possession of her offspring rather than that it should be divided between the claimants, seems to have entered into the spirit of the Church in

our day. In the midst of our varied and perplexing difficulties, the language of every heart has been, "O my Lord, in no wise slay or divide the child." We shall continue, I am persuaded, during the present Convention, to cherish with fervent prayer, the same sentiment. The very festival which we are holding to-day, appeals to us forcibly. It was after a long period of trials and humiliations, that our Master, having been made perfect by sufferings, ascended up to enter upon his glorified state. The church, that portion of it to which we belong, has endured dark and trying vicissitudes. Let us furnish to-day the most fit and devout commemoration of his ascension, by causing his church to rise, delivered from her perplexing excitements and sorrows, adorned in her beautiful garments of holiness and peace, and invigorated to enter upon a new and tranquil period of her master's work. To this end, let it be the secret resolve of every one, that all our conversation and measures shall proclaim to the unbelieving world, "the love of Christ constraineth us." Christ in his church, embodied in the persons of his followers, however humble and dependent; Christ, acting *through* his church, the channel to the world of grace, and pardon, and eternal life; Christ, zealous *for* his church, which, through many reproaches and mysterious trials, he is conducting to a glorious consummation in heaven;—CHRIST, in all these forms, is the object of our love, and support, and defence; and we rejoice in the consciousness of the constraining power of that love, when meeting in this holy convocation, we are ready to sacrifice every thing *but the life of the child*, upon the altar of this noblest and mightiest affection. May God give us all grace to prove more and more every day, that ours is a "faith that worketh by love."

Mr. Richard M. Hall was re-elected Secretary, and the Rev. Mr. McElhiney was appointed by the Chair, to act as assistant Secretary.

An official communication from the Rt. Rev. Bishop Doane was presented and read, and ordered to appear on the Journal, as follows:

MY BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND OF THE LAITY,

The occurrence of the annual meeting of the convention of the diocese of New Jersey, on the day of your assembling, deprives me of the pleasure of being with you, and obliges me thus to communicate to you the canonical record of my official acts. Permit me to assure you, that though absent in the body, I shall be much with you in affection and desire: and that I shall not fail to call upon the beloved brethren of my own immediate household of the faith, to offer up their prayers with mine, that God may be with you of a truth, imbuing all your hearts with the Holy Spirit of grace and consolation, and causing all your counsels and all your measures to redound to the edification of the church, and the salvation of many souls.

It was on the 29th day of November last, that I became, by the act of the special convention then assembled in Baltimore, provisionally your Bishop. The double charge of my diocese and parish in the latter of which I had just been sorely bereaved by the death of one * who, "as a son with the father," had, "served with me in the gospel," prevented my immediate entrance upon the active duties of the trust thus constituted. It was not until Septuagesima Sunday, February 16th, that I was able to be among you at all.

On that day, in the morning, in St. Peter's church, Baltimore, I preached and confirmed one hundred and twenty-two persons.

In the afternoon, I preached in St. Paul's church, in the same city.

And in the evening, in Christ's church, I preached and confirmed ninety-six persons.

The appointments which I had made for the following day at St. Thomas' church and at St. John's church, Baltimore county, it was thought best by their Rector to defer in consideration of the bad state of the roads at that season, and the difficulty of collecting the people. It will be borne in mind, that the period of the

* The Rev. Benjamin D. Winslow, my assistant in the pastoral care of St. Mary's church, Burlington

year in which the parishes in the country can be visited to advantage, had passed away before the diocess was placed under my episcopal charge.

On Tuesday morning, February 18th, I read prayers, and preached in Sherwood chapel.

On the morning of Wednesday, 19th, in St. James's church, Baltimore county, I preached, and confirmed twelve persons. The service at Trinity church was deferred, at the instance of the Rector, on account of the condition of the roads.

On the evening of Thursday, 20th, in St. Andrew's church, Baltimore, I preached and confirmed thirty six persons; of whom one was from St. Paul's church, and one from Christ's church, in the same city.

On Saturday, February 22d, I had the pleasure of attending the annual commencement of St. John's College, Annapolis, of which my long valued friend and brother, the Rev. Dr. Humphreys is the President. I was highly gratified with the exercises of the day; and the more so as the talents and acquirements which contributed most to their interest are consecrated to the service of the church. I should do injustice to my own feelings, and to the cause of sound learning, did I not commend this ancient institution to the favour and patronage of the State. It has occurred to me, and with the candid and intelligent, I shall suffer no prejudice by the expression that in this respect Maryland is wanting to herself. It is essential to the true independence of a State, that her sons be nourished at her bosom. The letters, the manners, the patriotism which are worn most gracefully, and are most to be relied on for good service are native to the soil. It were far better, to import bread-corn, than to entrust to foreign hands the nurture and the training of the men that are to make the laws, and to sustain the institutions of the State. There should be power in the historic names which belong to the College at Annapolis, to rally round its venerable halls the true hearted and strong handed. And from the fountain which is fed and guarded there, with largest bounty and most zealous care, streams should go forth to water all the land, and quench in every breast the noble intellectual rage.

On Sexagesima Sunday, February 23d, in St. Ann's church, Annapolis, after morning prayers by the Rector, the Rev. Mr. McElhiney, I preached, and admitted the Rev. Joseph Trapnell, junior, deacon, Rector of Trinity church, Upper Marlborough, to the holy order of priest. The candidate was presented by the Rev. Dr. Humphreys, President of St. John's College, and I was assisted in the administration of the holy communion by the Rev. Robert W. Goldsborough.

In the afternoon in the same church, I preached, and confirmed four persons.

On Monday, 24th, St. Matthias day, I preached in the morning, in St. James's church, West River.

In the afternoon, I preached and confirmed four persons, in All Saint's church, Calvert county.

On Tuesday morning, 25th, in Christ church, Calvert county, I preached and administered the holy communion. The service which I had appointed for the chapel of this parish had not been notified; the distance between that and the church rendering the two services in the same day impracticable.

On Wednesday evening, 26th, in St. James' (African) church, Baltimore, I preached, and confirmed six persons.

On Friday, 28th, I preached in St. Barnabas's church, and confirmed twelve persons.

On Saturday, 29th, I preached in Christ church, St. John's Parish.

On Sunday, March 4th, Quinquagesima, I preached, and confirmed one person in St. John's church, Washington City.

In the afternoon, in Christ church in the same city, I preached, and confirmed thirty persons.

And in the evening I preached in Trinity church.

On Ash Wednesday, 4th, I preached in Christ's church, Georgetown, and confirmed thirteen persons.

And in the afternoon of the same day, in St. John's church, I preached, and confirmed five persons.

Finally, in St. Mary's church, Burlington, on Sunday, 24th May, fifth after Easter, I admitted the Rev. Henry Major, deacon, Rector

of St. John's church, to the holy order of priests: the Rev. Professor Ogilby reading morning prayers, the Rev. Mr. Germain presenting the candidate, and the Rev. Dr. Eaton assisting me in the holy communion.

The sum of my episcopal services since the special convention, is as follows:—visited 18 churches; preached 19 times; confirmed 329 persons, (making the whole number confirmed by me in the Diocese, 560,) and ordained two priests. Besides these offices, I admitted the Rev. Henry Crosdale, deacon, Rector of Somerset and Coventry parishes, to the holy order of priests, in St. Mary's church, Burlington, on Sunday, August 4th, tenth after Trinity,—acting with the consent of the standing committee. Morning prayers on this occasion were read by the Rev. John P. Lathrop, the candidate was presented by the Rev. Dr. Williams, of the diocese of Pennsylvania, and I was assisted in the administration of the holy communion, by the Rev. Dr. Eaton. The Rev. Messrs. Winslow and Adams were present.

I have received into the diocese the Rev. Henry Major, from the diocese of Virginia, now Rector of Christ's church, St. John's parish; the Rev. Horace Stringfellow, from the same diocese, now Rector of the Trinity church, Washington City; and the Rev. Charles E. Pleasants, from the diocese of Pennsylvania, who has charge of the church at Shrewsbury.

I have granted letters dimissory to the Rev. Henry Brown, deacon, to the diocese of Pennsylvania, to the Rev. William H. Trapnell, deacon, to the diocese of Delaware, and to the Rev. Phillip Slaughter to the diocese of Virginia.

The Rev. Ira Easter, the Rev. John Forman, and the Rev. Ralph Williston, have departed this life. The first named was minister of Sherwood chapel: the two latter had no parochial charge.

These are all the ecclesiastical changes which have taken place in the diocese with my cognizance. Of such as may have occurred between the last annual and the special convention, the record must be with the standing committee, then the ecclesiastical authority.

The number of clergymen in the diocese, so far as I am informed, is 74.

Candidates for orders in the diocese are the following :—

[Not rendered.]

A word or two, on subjects which I feel myself not at liberty to pass over in silence, and I am done. There would be much to say on many points, did I not confidently trust, that before your next assembling one will be among you, who can speak with fuller knowledge of your affairs, and with an abiding claim on your attention.

I notice, first, with great pleasure, since my first visit to the diocese, a growing disposition to repair, improve and beautify the houses of God among you.' There was great severity in that saying of a well known unbeliever, as he passed a ruined church, that it was "good enough for a God who was born in a manger." I marvel that there should ever have been a christian flock that could permit the temptation to its utterance. One would think that the infinite condescension of Him who humbled himself to become man for us, should be in the place of all other arguments, to "honor his name and his word above all things." They rashly tempt the Lord, who spare from the service of his house, to lavish on their own. "Ye looked for much," saith the Lord of Hosts, by Haggai, "and lo, it came to little;" and when ye brought it home, I did blow upon it. Why? saith the Lord of Hosts. Because of mine house that is waste, and ye run every man unto his own house. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse," saith God by Malachi, "that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

I would earnestly invite your consideration, my brethren, to another point of even more immediate duty, the infrequency in many parishes with which the gospel is preached, and the sacraments are administered. The supply of two, three, four or more churches

and they often widely distant, by the same minister is a crying evil. Under such circumstances the pastoral relation has scarcely so much as a name. The minister is worn out with toil and care, repaid with scanty fruits. The people lose the sense of their responsibility. The wide intervals between the services, doubled or tripled often by a stormy Sunday, or the sickness of the preacher, leads to forgetfulness first, and then to disregard of their return. There is a famine of the word of life. And, what must follow, the church dwindles, and souls are starved. There should be but one flock, to one shepherd; and there should be one shepherd to every flock. I anticipate the reply. “As it is now, our minister is not half supported.” I know it is too often so, dear brethren; and I also know who hath said, “The silver is mine, and the gold is mine.” Oh, for an increase among us of that noble spirit of “the man after God’s own heart,” who replied to the generous offer of Araunah. “Nay, but I will surely buy it of thee *at a price*: neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the Lord my God of *that which doth cost me nothing*.”

Kindred with both the former, is the last point to which I ask your attention—the unquestionable duty of providing, without delay, for the adequate support of your Episcopate. I know there will be some who will question the expediency of my allusion at this time to this subject; some, because it does not become me in my temporary relation to you; and some, because the due order is, first to get a Bishop, and then to provide for his support. To the first objection I reply, that I know nothing of temporary relations in the church. The church, and every thing in the church, is for eternity. I am your Bishop now, with full authority; and therefore, with entire responsibility. It is in the present only, that we can act. The future is not ours. It is with God. I must account under eternal sanctions for my temporary trust; and, therefore, I must discharge it with eternity in my eye. I say, then, in reply to the second objection, that it proceeds on the erroneous and unworthy supposition that in providing for the support of the Episcopate, you are providing for him who, in the providence of God, may hold

the office ; that it is to be therefore more or less according to his greater or less acceptance among the people, or according to any other human standard or consideration. All this, I steadfastly deny. The Episcopacy is God's ordinance. The support of the Bishop is due to him as God's ambassador. The honor paid to the Episcopate is honor shown to God. "He that receiveth you, receiveth me ; and he that receiveth me, receiveth him that sent me." You can just as properly dispense with the Episcopate, as you can omit for a single moment a just provision for its support. They go together, and cannot be separated. "It is my heart's desire and prayer to God," that you may be divinely guided, at this time, to the election of a Bishop. But whether you are or not, it is my most earnest and affectionate entreaty, that you do not separate, until you have provided, what you shall judge a suitable maintenance for your Bishop, whenever you shall have one ; and whoever he may be, you owe it to God, you owe it to the church, you owe it to yourselves. Cheerfully I say, the Bishops of the flock of Christ are not to take "the oversight thereof" "for filthy lucre ;" are not to decline their care and charge because provision is not made ; nay, are to suffer and to starve with them, if need so be. But fearlessly, I say, that no such necessity is to be laid upon the ministry, nor even a shadow of doubtfulness to be permitted, by a people who are "rich and increased with goods, and have need of nothing." I speak as unto wise, "and just and generous men." "Judge ye what I say."

And now my brethren, dearly beloved in the Lord, asking earnestly your prayers for me and mine, assembled, as you are, in the common service of our glorious Lord, that we also may be directed, "in all our doings, by His most gracious favor," and furthered "with His continual help." "I commend you to God, and to the Word of his grace." "Only let your conversation be as becometh the gospel of Christ, that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in

one spirit, with one mind, striving together for the faith of the gospel.”

GEORGE W. DOANE,

Bishop of the diocese of New Jersey, and provisional

Bishop of the diocese of Maryland.

Riverside, May 19th, 1840.

The chair appointed the following committees :

On the rights of Clergymen to seats,

Rev. Mr. McKenny, Rev. Mr. Claxton, Rev. Mr. Bean.

On Elections of Lay Delegates,

Hon. Judge Chambers, F. S. Key, Esq., John M. Thompson, Esq.

On Parochial Contributions,

Rev. Norris M. Jones, Gen. Biscoe and E. T. Trippe, Esq.

It was, on motion, *Resolved*, That clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, who may be present on this occasion, and are not members of this body, be invited to take seats as honorary members of the convention.

The Rev. Edward Y. Higbee, the Rev. B. O. Peers and the Rev. Moses Marcus, from the diocese of New York, took seats accordingly.

The committee on the rights of clergymen to seats in the convention made their report, stating, that the following clergy are entitled to seats.

Rev. Henry Aisquith,

“ Charles C. Austin,

“ Walter D. Addison,

“ James Abercrombie,

“ Henry H. Bean,

“ Thomas Billopp,

“ Upton Beall,

“ Thomas Bayne,

“ Olcott Bulkley,

“ Enoch Bayley,

“ James A. Buck,

“ William F. Chesley,

“ John Claxton,

Rev. Henry Crosdale,

“ John Delaplane,

“ William Duke,

“ Samuel C. Davis,

“ Levin I. Gilliss,

“ Robert W. Goldsborough,

“ Robt. Lloyd Goldsborough,

“ Zachariah H. Goldsmith,

“ Matthias Harris,

“ Hugh T. Harrison,

“ William Hawley,

“ J. P. K. Henshaw, D. D.

“ Hector Humphreys, D. D.

Rev. Alfred Holmead,
 " Orlando Hutton,
 " John Francis Hoff,
 " John W. Hoffman,
 " John Johns, D. D.
 " Leonard H. Johns,
 " Norris M. Jones,
 " Clement F. Jones,
 " Henry S. Keppler,
 " John R. Keech,
 " Samuel C. Kerr,
 " George McElhiney,
 " G. L. Mackenheimer,
 " Richard Mitchell,
 " Alex. M. Marbury,
 " James A. McKenney,
 " Henry M. Mason, D. D.
 " James B. Noblit,
 " John Owen,
 " William Pinkney,
 " Robert Prout,

Rev. Richard H. Phillips,
 " Francis Peck,
 " Robert Piggot,
 " Joshua Peterkin,
 " Thomas H. Quinan,
 " J. J. Robertson,
 " John P. Robinson,
 " John P. Robins,
 " Joseph Spencer, D. D.
 " K. Johns Stewart,
 " Purnell F. Smith,
 " Joseph Trapnell,
 " Joseph Trapnell, jr.,
 " Edwin M. Van Deusen,
 " John Wiley,
 " Lemuel Wilmer,
 " Henry Williams,
 " Richard H. Waters,
 " Thomas James Wyatt,
 " William E. Wyatt, D. D.

The foregoing report was accepted.

The committee on elections of lay delegates, reported, that all the testimonials were in due form and that the members were entitled to seats.

It was moved and seconded, that the convention now proceed to the election of a Bishop for this diocess.

It was, on motion, *Resolved*, that a committee of four clergymen and four lay delegates, be appointed by this convention, to confer together in the spirit of christian conciliation upon the subject of electing a Bishop for this diocess, and that they endeavor to agree upon and recommend to this convention, some duly qualified presbyter of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, to be elected to that office, according to the provisions of the 5th article of the constitution of the church in this diocess. The

committee appointed on this resolution were, Rev. Dr. Henshaw, Rev. A. M. Marbury, Rev. James A. McKenney, Rev. W. Pinkney, Hon'ble Judge Chambers, F. S. Key, Esq., S. I. Donaldson, Esq., Wm. Carmichael, Esq.

It was moved and seconded that the following amendment which was proposed and adopted at the last annual convention to the 7th article of the constitution, viz:—During a vacancy in the Episcopal office, the next convention and each annual convention thereafter, immediately on assembling, shall choose, by joint ballot, a President, from among the order of priests; and until such election shall be made, the Secretary shall be the presiding officer. And the same is hereby approved and adopted as a part of the constitution.

This resolution was laid on the table.

The committee to whom were referred the accounts of the Treasurer, R. H. Owen, Esq., beg leave to report, that they have carefully examined the accounts submitted to them, and find the same to be correct, and sustained by proper vouchers.

WM. KREBS,
GEO. W. BISCOE.

May 28th, 1840.

Dr.

Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in account with R. H. Owen, Treasurer.

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1839. May 21. June 2. 13. 16. 20. 21. July 8. 20. 21. Oct. Dec. Jan. 10. 14. 27. April 29.	To cash paid Rev. H. M. Mason, acc't Standing Committee,—1. To cash paid Mr. J. Merriken, Sexton St. Paul's Church,—2. To cash paid Rev. Geo. McElhinney, attending Standing Committee,—3. To cash paid Rev. Dr. Henshaw, expenses attending General Convention, 1835,—4. To cash paid Rev. Dr. Wyatt, ditto, 1835-8,—5. To cash paid R. M. Hall, Sec'y., his salary, \$50 00 ditto, incidental expenses,—6, 13 00 To cash paid Rev. Dr. Johns, General Convention, 1835 8,—7. To cash paid Lucas & Deaver, for 800 copies of the Journal of the Convention, 1839,—8. To cash paid S. I. Donaldson, expenses attending General Convention, 1835 8,—9. To cash paid J. Merriken, Sexton St. Paul's, attendance Special Convention,—10. To cash paid Episcopal Recorder, adver'g,—11. To cash paid R. M. Hall, Sec'y., services and expenses, Special Convention,—12. To cash paid Lucas & Deaver, printing 1600 copies Special Convention,—13. To cash paid Woods & Co., printing 160 Circulars,—14. To cash paid John Gibson, expenses attending General Convention at New York,—15. To cash paid Balt. Chronicle for advertising,—16. To balance due Convention, . . .	1839. May 29. June 2. 1840. Mar. 31.	By balance then due Convention. By Committee to receive Parochial contributions, By assessment on Parishes, 1839, By Broad Creek Church, Prince George's county, By St. Peter's Church, Baltimore,	\$ 13 61 805 42 135 00 7 00 6 00
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TREASURER, charged with the funds for the support of the EPISCOPATE, respectfully to report, that the funds in stock, loans, and cash, per last annual account, amounted to three thousand three hundred and twenty-six dollars, and eight cents, - - - - - \$3,326 98

He has since received, as follows:—

Committee to receive Parochial contributions, - - - - -	\$765 00	
St. James' parish, Anne Arundel co. - - -	20 00	
Bequest of James Goldsborough, deceased, permanent fund, - - - - -	50 00	
St. Peter's church, Baltimore, - - -	80 00	
		915 00
Interest from Savings Bank of Baltimore to date, - - - - -	23 13	
Dividends Union Bank, - - - - -	31 50	
Year's loan of \$1,000, - - - - -	60 00	
Months do. \$1,500, - - - - -	73 50	
		188 13
		<u>\$4,430 11</u>

He has paid as follows:—

To Bishop Stone's executors, as per Resolution of convention, May 1839, p. 24, - - - - -	\$1,040 83
To Rev. Geo. McElhiney, for hack-hire, use of Bishop Doane, - - - - -	34 56
To Bishop Doane for expenses visiting diocese, - - - - -	150 00
Deposited in Savings Bank of Baltimore, special bequest of J. Goldsborough, deceased, - - -	50 00
To Bishop Doane, on account of appropriation as per Resolution of special convention, - - -	150 00
To Ditto, do. do. - - - - -	250 00
Balance favor of the Fund, - - - - -	2,754 72
	<u>\$4,430 11</u>

Treasurer begs leave to suggest, that a more definite meaning (than he understands it,) be expressed of the Resolution (page 21, special convention,) of the Convention applicable to the acting Bishop, to the present time, and for future contingencies. He also recommends that a special, or the standing committee be appointed a committee, to advise and direct the Treasurer in making investments of the funds of the Convention, and other duties appertaining to the office.

All which is respectfully submitted,
R. H. OWEN, Treasurer.

The report of the committee on the Treasurer's accounts was accepted.

The committee of conference made the following report, which was laid upon the table, viz:—

The committee of conference after a free and friendly interchange of opinions upon the important subject entrusted to them, and after full inquiry in relation to the views and opinions of the Rev. William R. Whittingham, D. D. believe that the peace and prosperity of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Maryland would be promoted by his appointment to the Episcopate of this diocese, and do, therefore, unanimously recommend his name to the favorable consideration of this convention.

J. P. K. HENSHAW, *Chairman.*

The convention forthwith went into the election for Bishop. The Rev. William R. Whittingham, D. D., being nominated—the Rev. Dr. Johns, and the Rev. Mr. McElhiney, were appointed tellers on behalf of the clergy, who reported that there were fifty-seven votes received, of which number, fifty were for the Rev. Dr. Whittingham, two for the Rev. Dr. Johns, and five blanks.

The candidate was then presented to the Laity, and the nomination of the clergy was confirmed by the following vote, as reported by the Hon. Judge Chambers, and F. S. Key, Esq., who were appointed tellers:—

For the Rev. Dr. Whittingham,	-	-	-	57 votes
“ Dr. Johns,	-	-	-	1
“ Dr. Henshaw,	-	-	-	1
Blanks,	-	-	-	5
				—
Total number of votes received,	-	-	-	64

The Rev. Dr. Whittingham was announced by the chair as duly elected, and the convention immediately proceeded to sign the testimonial in favor of the Bishop elect, after which the convention adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, *May 29th.*

he convention met at 9 o'clock this morning.

orning prayer was read by the Rev. Leonard H. Johns: the was called, and the minutes of yesterday's proceedings read approved.

idge Wilkinson and Mr. James L. Geoghegan, presented their nonials as lay delegates, and signed the declaration: their entials were submitted to the committee on elections and fa- bly reported to the house, whereupon these gentlemen took seats as members of the convention.

he following report, presented by the agent to procure sub- tions for a permanent Episcopal Fund, was read and ap- ed:

he agent, appointed at the last annual Convention, to procure criptions for a permanent Episcopal Fund in this diocess, begs e to present the following report:

aving, in conformity with the advice of several prominent and ligent laymen, adopted the form of subscription recommended he vestry of Chester Parish, Kent county, immediately after election of Bishop Stone, the agent visited Baltimore about the lle of June, with a view to entering on the work assigned him he convention. He obtained five subscriptions at that time, two more in the month of September, when he made a second t; but the difficulties of the times constrained him, on both sions, to discontinue his applications. He was gratified, how- , to find the principal churchmen of Baltimore very favorably osed towards the scheme of a permanent Episcopal Fund: and s fully persuaded, that the wishes of the convention on the ect will be entirely realized, so soon as the vacancy in the epis- ite shall have been supplied, and the present unusual embar- ments of commerce shall have passed away.

GEOEGE McELHINEY.

nnapolis, May 23d, 1840.

he committee on Parochial contributions made their report, ch was accepted, as follows:

PARISHES AND CHURCHES.	Bishop's Fund.	Convention Fund.	Arrangements	TOTAL.
Christ's Church, Baltimore,	\$ 80 00	36 00		116 00
St. Paul's " "	100 00	45 00		145 00
St. Peter's " "	80 00	36 00	90 00	206 00
St. Andrew's " "		14 00		14 00
St. John's " Baltimore County,	10 00	6 00		16 00
St. John's " Washington City,	30 00	14 00	11 00	55 00
Trinity " " "	30 00	14 00		44 00
Christ's " Georgetown, D. C.,	22 00	14 00		36 00
St. Anne's Parish, Annapolis,	30 00	14 00		44 00
St. Margaret's Church, Anne Arundel Co.	20 00	9 00		29 00
Christ's Church, Queen Caroline Parish, } Anne Arundel County,	10 00	6 00		16 00
St. John's Church, " " "	10 00	6 00		16 00
St. James's Parish, Anne Arundel County,	20 00	9 00		29 00
Zion Church, Prince George's County,	10 00	6 00		16 00
St. Matthews's Church, " "	10 00	6 00	2 00	18 00
Queen Anne Parish, " "	16 00	14 00	22 00	52 00
Trinity " " "	1 00	6 00		7 00
Broad Creek, " " "	10 00	6 00		16 00
Port Tobacco " Charles County,	10 00	6 00	16 00	32 00
Trinity " " "	10 00	6 00	7 00	23 00
William and Mary Parish, "	10 00	9 00		19 00
Durham Parish, "	4 00	6 00		10 00
All Saints " Calvert County,		6 00		6 00
Christ's Church, "	10 00	6 00		16 00
St. Andrew's Parish, St. Mary's County,	10 00	6 00		16 00
All Faith " "	10 00	6 00	17 00	33 00
Prince George's " Montgomery County,	10 00	6 00		16 00
St. Bartholomew's Parish, "	10 00	6 00		16 00
St. Peter's " "	10 00	6 00	10 00	26 00
All Saints " Frederick County,	14 00	14 00		28 00
St. Mark's " "	10 00	6 00		16 00
St. John's " Hagerstown,	20 00	9 00		29 00
St. Paul's " Sharpsburg,	10 00	6 00		16 00
All Hallow's " Worcester County,	10 00	6 00		16 00
Worcester, " "	10 00	6 00		16 00
Spring Hill, " Somerset County,		6 00		6 00
Stepney " "		6 00		6 00
Somerset " "	4 00	6 00		10 00
Coventry, " "	10 00	6 00		16 00
*Great Choptank Parish, Dorchester Co.	6 00	6 00		12 00
St. Peter's Parish, Talbot County,	30 00	14 00		44 00
St. Paul's Parish, Queen Anne County,	20 00	9 00	1 00	30 00
St. Paul's " Kent County,	10 00	6 00		16 00
Shrewsbury " "		6 00		6 00
Chester, " "	20 00	9 00		29 00
St. Stephen's " Cecil County,	10 00	7 00		17 00
Trinity Church, Elkton, Cecil County,	10 00	6 00		16 00
St. Augustine's Parish, "		5 00		5 00
St. Mary Anne's " "	1 00	5 00		7 00
St. George's and St. John's Parish, Har- } ford County,	10 00	6 00		16 00
St. John's Parish, Baltimore and Harford } Counties,	10 00	6 00		16 00
	\$798 00	487 00	176 00	1461 00

NORRIS M. JONES,
JAMES HOWARD,
THOS. JOHN CLAGETT.

* Paid four dollars additional extra, on account of Bishop Doane's expenses.

The Rev. George McElhiney, was re-appointed agent to procure subscriptions to the permanent fund, for the support of the Episcopate in this diocess.

A committee was appointed, consisting of James Howard, Esq., Samuel I. Donaldson, Esq., and T. S. Alexander, Esq., to take into consideration and report to this convention, some method to raise a fund for the present support of the Bishop.

The following petition was presented and read, and referred to a committee, consisting of the Rev. Dr. Mason, Rev. Dr. Spencer, E. T. Trippe, Esq.

To the Convention of the

Protestant Episcopal Church of Maryland:

The petition of William Loveday respectfully sheweth, that I am a member of St. Peter's parish, Talbot county. I am a regular attendant of the two churches in that parish and of no other place of worship. I have lately removed my residence about a mile from the more densely populated portion of the town of Easton, in that county, and it has been suspected that in doing so, I have crossed the boundary line between the parishes of St. Michael's and St. Peter's. I therefore respectfully pray, that if I have so crossed the boundary line, the property where I now live may be considered by this convention as within the parish of St. Peter's.

WILLIAM LOVEDAY.

Easton, May 25th, 1840.

It was, on motion, *Resolved*, That the convention will proceed at 12 o'clock, this day, to the election of the standing committee.

The following resolution was moved and seconded :

Resolved, That a committee of two clergymen and two lay delegates, be appointed by this convention to proceed to New York, for the purpose of notifying the Rev. Dr. Whittingham of his election to the Episcopate, and giving him all the information he may desire in reference to the provision made for his support, and the condition and prospects of the church in Maryland.

A substitute for the above resolution was offered, as follows :

Resolved, That Dr. Wyatt, and Dr. Johns, be a committee to transmit to Dr. Whittingham, a certified copy of the proceedings of the convention, and to urge his acceptance of the Episcopal office. [*See Appendix.*]

The above resolution and the substitute offered, were laid upon the table, in order to go into the election for standing committee to serve the ensuing year: the appointed hour for that duty having arrived. The Rev. Henry Crosdale and Robert Bowie, Esq., were appointed tellers. The election resulted as follows:

Rev. Dr. WYATT,	}	<i>For the Western Shore.</i>
“ Dr. JOHNS,		
“ Dr. HENSHAW,		
“ GEO. McELHINEY,		
Rev. Dr. SPENCER,	}	<i>For the Eastern Shore.</i>
“ Dr. MASON,		
“ CLEMENT F. JONES,		

After the election of standing committee, the resolution and substitute previously offered, and laid upon the table, were called up for consideration. The substitute not being accepted by the mover of the resolution, the ayes and noes on its acceptance by the convention was called for, and determined by the following vote—ayes—64, noes—45, namely:—

<i>Ayes.</i>	<i>Ayes.</i>
Rev. Charles C. Austin,	Mr. E. F. Chambers,
“ James Abercrombie,	“ Thomas W. Stone,
“ Thomas Billopp,	“ James Sewall,
“ Enoch Bayley,	“ William Williams,
“ John Claxton,	“ Sam’l I. Donaldson,
“ Henry Crosdale,	“ Edward D. Kemp,
“ Levin I. Gilliss,	“ Rowland Ellis,
“ Robt. W. Goldsborough,	“ James Stewart,
“ Robt. L. Goldsborough,	“ John M. Thompson,
“ Hector Humphreys,	“ Edward A. Howard,
“ Orlando Hutton,	“ Thos. John Clagett,
“ Norris M. Jones,	“ Phillip Lansdale,

Ayes.

v. Clement F. Jones,
 John R. Keech,
 Samuel C. Kerr,
 Geo.. McElhiney,
 Richard Mitchell,
 James A. McKenney,
 Henry M. Mason,
 John Owen,
 William Pinkney,
 Joseph Spencer,
 Edwin M. Van Deusen,
 W. E. Wyatt,
 John Wiley,
 Henry Williams,
 R. H. Waters,
 Thos. James Wyatt,
 John W. Hoffman,
 Zachariah H. Goldsmith.

Noes.

v. Henry H. Bean,
 ‘ Upton Beall,
 ‘ Olcott Bulkley,
 ‘ William F. Chesley,
 ‘ John Delaplane,
 ‘ H. T. Harrison,
 ‘ William Hawley,
 ‘ J. P. K. Henshaw,
 ‘ Alfred Holmead,
 ‘ Henry S. Keppler,

Ayes.

Mr. Wm. Pumphrey,
 “ Thomas W. Veazey,
 “ Nathan Dickerson,
 “ Hanson Penn,
 “ Wm. Henry Worthington,
 “ C. Graham Brown,
 “ Josias Hawkins,
 “ Joseph N. Stockett,
 “ Thomas T. Wheeler,
 “ George Howard,
 “ Henry A. Callis,
 “ Thomas S. Alexander,
 “ Parker H. Lee,
 “ Frederick Dorsey,
 “ Samuel Comegys,
 “ J. C. Henry,
 “ Wm. J. Blackistone,
 “ Samuel G. Smith,
 “ Richard Thomas,
 “ Alex. W. Ringgold,
 “ Thomas Turner,
 “ Edward T. Trippe.

Noes.

Mr. William Woodward,
 “ John Thomas,
 “ George W. Purnell,
 “ Francis S. Key,
 “ Robert Bowie,
 “ Jacob Nollner,
 “ Samuel Hanson,
 “ Nathaniel Duke,
 “ Tilghman Hilleary,
 “ John Johns,

Noes.

Rev. G. L. Mackenheimer,
 “ Alex. M. Marbury,
 “ Robert Prout,
 “ Richard H. Phillips,
 “ Robert Piggot,
 “ Joshua Peterkin,
 “ John P. Robinson,
 “ Joseph Trapnell,
 “ Joseph Trapnell, jr.,
 “ Francis Peck,
 “ Thomas H. Quinan,
 “ Kinsey J. Stewart,
 “ James B. Noblit,
 “ James A. Buck,
 “ Samuel C. Davis.

Noes.

Mr. William B. Stone,
 “ Andrew F. Henderson,
 “ William Krebs,
 “ James Howard,
 “ Richard Potts,
 “ John E. Hayward,
 “ Thomas Shriver,
 “ Wm. Carmichael,
 “ T. H. Wilkinson,
 “ J. L. Geoghegan.

The question was then taken on the final passage of the substitute, and carried.

The committee on the petition of Mr. Loveday report, that they recommend the application to be granted.

HENRY M. MASON,
 JOSEPH SPENCER,
 EDWARD T. TRIPPE.

The convention concurred in this report.

The committee to which was referred the subject of providing an immediate support for the Episcopate, recommend an appeal to the members of the church in this diocess, for such voluntary contributions as may furnish temporarily, an adequate salary for the Bishop, and submit the annexed paper, a copy of which they recommend to be furnished to the clergy, and to each lay delegate of the convention, asking their special personal attention to effect the object contemplated.

JAMES HOWARD,
 SAML. I. DONALDSON,
 T. S. ALEXANDER.

The undersigned agree to pay to the order of the Treasurer of the convention of the Protestant Episcopal church in the diocese of Maryland, the sums set opposite to our respective names, on or before the first day of July next, and like sums annually, for the space of two years thereafter; unless, in the meantime, a permanent fund shall be provided for the support of the Episcopate, in the manner provided for by the resolutions on the subject, which were passed at the annual convention of 1839. The sums so subscribed, to be applied, in connexion with the funds raised by parochial contributions, to the payment of such salary to the Bishop of the diocese, as may be appointed by this convention.

The above report was unanimously concurred in.

It was, on motion, *Resolved*, That the sum of three thousand dollars per annum, be appropriated for the support of the Bishop of this diocese, to be paid by the Treasurer of this convention out of such funds as may be received by him, and properly applicable to that object, as recommended by the report just adopted.

It was, on motion, *Resolved*, That it be recommended, that all claims against the convention, except for the salary of the Bishop, be presented to the convention, within one year after they accrue; unless, in the event of the death of the person holding such claim, in which case it shall be presented within three years after it accrues.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the next annual convention be held in St. Paul's church, in the city of Baltimore.

The Parochial reports were called for and ordered to appear on the journal.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

St. Paul's Parish—Baltimore.

Baptisms,	48
Marriages,	22
Burials,	29
Communicants,	352

W. E. WYATT, *Rector.*

St. Peter's Church—Baltimore.

It has pleased God, who is "rich in mercy," to send down upon the pastor and flock "the healthful spirit of his grace," and to refresh them with the "dew of his blessing:" as the fruits of this gracious visitation many have been added to the church, during the past year, of such, we trust, as shall be saved.

Baptisms—adults,	29
" infants,	38
Confirmed by Bishop Doane, (including 13 from the Church of the Ascension,)	122
Communicants—added,	118
" died, removed, and suspended,	12
" present number,	480
Marriages,	15
Funerals,	13

Charity and Sunday Schools, and contributions to benevolent objects, about the same as last reported.

J. P. K. HENSHAW, *Rector.*

Christ's Church—Baltimore.

Communicants—removed by death, &c.	14
" present number,	317
Baptisms—adults,	8
" children,	54
Confirmed,	96
Marriages,	17
Funerals,	20

Contributions to benevolent purposes, about \$3000. During the last winter the ladies of the congregation established an Asylum for Female Children. An act of incorporation has been obtained. Sixteen inmates are already enjoying the advantages of this institution.

Measures have been taken for the crection of a Mission Chapel, to be under the care of the City Missionary, sustained by the Ladies' Association of Christ's Church. He has already procured subscriptions sufficient, as is supposed, for accomplishing the object.

The three Sunday Schools of the congregation continue to be conducted and attended as heretofore reported.

J. JOHNS, *Rector*.

St. Andrew's Church—Baltimore.

Baptisms,	. . . . .	24
Marriages,	. . . . .	16
Funerals,	. . . . .	83
Communicants,	. . . . .	55

The Rector of this Church is happy to report the completion and consecration of the church edifice which was in progress at the last Convention. The congregation has increased one fourth, beyond its former number, during the past year, and its spiritual prospects are more encouraging at this time, than at any former period since its organization. The communion list has also been increased, though the accession does not appear in the above statistics, owing to the inaccuracy of former reports and deaths. The Sunday Schools, also, are in a much more flourishing and improved condition, and the teachers have cause to rejoice that their "labor has not been in vain in the Lord."

Some attention has also been paid to the advancement of the benevolent enterprises of the Church, but the Rector is not prepared to report the precise amount which has been collected.

H. S. KEPPLER, *Rector*.

Ascension Church—Baltimore.

In recognising, for the first time, upon the Journal of the Convention, the existence of this Church, the Rector deems it expedient that something more than its mere statistics should be furnished. It is now nearly two years since, in the character of a missionary, sustained by the Education Society of St. Peter's Church, he entered upon his present field of labor. During that period services have been holden twice upon each Sabbath, and, for

nearly the same length of time, two practical lectures have, upon each week, been delivered. But our place of assembling being little appropriate, in any sense, to our pressing wants, our numerical attendance has not been so great as, under more favorable circumstances, we might have confidently expected. The conviction is, however, strong, that good has been accomplished; our church has become more widely known, and several, among the "poor of this world," have become rich in faith, and, we trust also, "heirs of everlasting life." Not having conveniencies for the administration of the communion, no attempt was made to enjoy its privileges until the month of December last. Since that period 14 have joined themselves to us by participating in the sacrament. These comprise the sum total of our communicants. No communion season has passed without some accessions. Eleven have been confirmed by the Rt. Rev. Dr. Doane. During the year past baptism has been administered to 14 infants, and to 3 adults. The number of funerals attended, 6; Marriages, 1; Sunday School teachers, in male department, 6 — scholars, 40; in female department, teachers, 12 — scholars, 66.

'The present state of the Church is that of weakness; but, under the circumstances, it is all that could be expected. We are, however, privileged to anticipate, at no distant date, facilities for enlarged usefulness and increased strength. The christian liberality of the members of St. Peter's Church has cordially responded to an appeal for funds to erect an edifice for the worship of the gathering congregation. Already is the building commenced, and we look for its completion, so far as to allow of the occupancy of the lecture room, early in the autumn. With the blessing of the Great Head of the church upon our infant undertaking, we see in the future, a cheering prospect, while, in reference to the past, it may be said, "hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

FRANCIS PECK, *Rector.*

St. Thomas's Parish—Baltimore County.

Communicants,	14
Baptisms,	5
Sunday School scholars,	25
Annual contributions to the cause of missions,	\$40

C. C. AUSTIN, *Rector.*

St. John's Church, Washington City.

Communicants—white,	108
“ colored,	5

Marriages—white,	14
“ colored,	5
Baptisms—white,	37
“ colored,	4
Deaths,	6

WM. HAWLEY, *Rector.*

Christ's Church, Washington Parish—Washington City.

Baptisms—adults 3, infants 30,	33
Confirmed,	30
Communicants added,	27
Marriages,	5
Funerals,	6
Sunday School teachers,	15
“ “ scholars, male 65, female 67,	132

During the past year, several changes have taken place in this parish. A number of valuable and influential members have, for reasons connected with their secular concerns, removed to other parishes. But God, by the gracious influence of his Spirit, caused a much larger number to unite themselves with the church of the living God, by confirmation and communion. It is hoped that a higher tone of piety pervades the members of the church, and that they are now growing in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

HENRY H. BEAN, *Rector.*

Rock Creek Parish.

Number of communicants last reported 65, since added 4,	69
“ Sunday School scholars,	34
“ “ teachers,	6
Baptisms, white 11, colored 7,	18
Marriages,	2
Funerals,	4

This parish has shared in the gracious influences of the Holy Spirit which have been so generally pervading throughout all denominations of our country, and there are those who inquire the way to be saved, and seem disposed to seek the salvation of their souls.

K. JOHNS STEWART, *Rector.*

May, 1840.

St. John's Church—Georgetown, D. C.

Baptisms,	9
Confirmed,	5
Communicants, white 52, colored 2,	54
Marriages,	5
Funerals,	7
Sunday School teachers, male 7, female 4,	11
Scholars,	80

ALEX. M. MARBURY, *Rector*.

St. Anne's Parish—Annapolis.

Funerals, adults 6, infants 3,	9
Communicants reported by mistake,	2
“ removed,	8
“ died,	2
“ added,	6
“ present number,	89
Persons confirmed,	3
Infants baptized,	16
Marriages,	3
Sunday scholars,	100
Teachers,	12

Amount of contributions for the advancement of religion, \$245 00.

GEORGE McELHINEY, *Rector*.

St. Margaret's, Westminster Parish—Anne Arundel County.

Baptisms,	13
Communicants,	10
Marriages,	3
Burials,	4

Although the Rector of this parish has no gratifying report to make, of the enlargement of his flock and of their spiritual improvement, yet he trusts that his labors, during the past year, have not been altogether in vain, and that the ministrations of the word and sacraments, have been attended with the Divine blessing. The removal from the parish of several of his people, the small number of those who give their decided preference to the church, and the general indifference prevailing upon the subject of religion, have filled the mind of the pastor with anxiety and discouragement. It is hoped that the passing year may be marked by some increase in the number of communi-

cants, by a more devout attendance upon the services of the church, and by greater spirituality and zeal among the members of this parish.

ORLANDO HUTTON, *Rector*.

Post Office, Annapolis.

Severn Church—Anne Arundel County.

Baptisms, colored,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Communicants last reported,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
“ added,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
“ present number,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11

We have secured a lot, and expect to have a Church erected during the summer.

HENRY AISQUITH, *Rector*.

Post Office, Annapolis.

St. John's Church, Queen Caroline Parish—Anne Arundel County.

Baptisms—adult—white,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
“ infants, “	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
“ colored,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2—9
Communicants added,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
“ present number—white,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21
“ “ colored,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1—22
Marriages—white,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Funerals—white,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
“ colored,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1

The parishioners have shewn a praiseworthy zeal in preserving and beautifying the place of God's sanctuary. The church has been repaired and painted, the arrangement of the chancel improved, and trees have been planted on the lawn in front of the church. Its appearance as seen from the public road is chaste and beautiful, so that the traveller is not pained as he passes at seeing the houses of men in a state of careful preservation, while the house of God is left to dilapidation and decay. A liberal subscription has been made for the purchase of a glebe, and the erection of a parsonage, which it is hoped will be completed in the course of the ensuing fall.

HUGH T. HARRISON, *Rector*.

Post Office, Ellicott's Mills, May, 1840.

The Rector also officiates in the afternoon of each Sunday, alternately, at Savage and Laurel, to very respectable congregations. It is believed that the prospect for raising a permanent church at Laurel, is very encouraging.

RICH. HENRY WATERS, *Rector*.

Post Office, Savage.

Parochial acts in Spring Hill and Stephny Parishes, previous to Oct. 1839 :

Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	28
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2

R. H. WATERS.

Report of St. Stephen's Parish—Sassafras, Cecil County.

Baptisms—white children,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
“ adult,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
“ colored children,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8-17
Marriages—white,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
“ colored,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6-8
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9

Shrewsbury Parish.

Marriage,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3

ROBERT PIGGOT, *Rector*.

Shrewsbury Parish—Kent County.

The Rector of this parish, reports his having taken charge of it about two months since, he is unable, therefore, to make any thing like a full or satisfactory report of the statistics of the parish.

Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Marriage,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Funeral,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1

The parish church has been rebuilt after lying many years in ruins, and is now ready for consecration. An effort is also about to be made to repair the chapel of ease, which for more than half a century has remained unfinished.

It is believed that a good feeling prevails in favor of the church, and hoped that many will be added to it of such as shall be saved.

CHAS. E. PLEASANTS, *Rector*.

P. O , Georgetown, Cross-roads, Kent co., May 27th, 1840.

St. Mark's Church—Prince George's County.

Baptisms, - - - - -	16
Communicants, present number, - - - - -	38
“ removed, - - - - -	5

WILLIAM PINKNEY, *Rector*.

St. Matthew's Church—Prince George's County.

Baptisms, - - - - -	11
Marriages, - - - - -	2
Communicants, present number, - - - - -	39
Amount collected for Foreign Missionary Society, and paid to the same, - - - - -	\$84 50
Amount collected for Bishop Chase, and paid to his agent in Baltimore, - - - - -	35 00
Amount collected for Domestic Missionary Society, and paid to the same, - - - - -	35 00

Making in all, the sum of - - - - - \$154 50

WILLIAM PINKNEY, *Rector*.

Queen Anne's Parish—Prince George's County.

Communicants added, - - - - -	2
“ died, - - - - -	3
“ present number, - - - - -	81
Baptisms—white, - - - - -	26
“ colored, - - - - -	78
Funerals—white, - - - - -	8
“ colored, - - - - -	5
Marriages—white, - - - - -	2
“ colored, - - - - -	2
Missionary contributions, - - - - -	\$19

GEO. L. MACKENHEIMER, *Rector*.

Good Luck Post Office.

St. Paul's Parish—Prince George's County.

Baptisms—infants, white,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	35
“ “ colored,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	39
Communicants, last reported—white,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	107
“ “ colored,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14
“ added—white,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
“ re-instated—white,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
“ died—white,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
“ present number,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	129
Marriages—white,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
“ colored,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Funerals—white,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17
“ colored,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3

It is with gratitude to Him, from “whom all good things do come,” that the Rector of this parish expresses the hope that his labors have not been altogether ineffectual. Much has fallen under his observation, within the past twelve months, to give him encouragement. Although the undersigned, from the first, has felt that “others have labored and ye have entered into their labors,” yet the too manifest declension, consequent upon the absence of stated ministerial labor for some time previous to his taking charge of the parish, has often been the subject of painful reflection. The spirit of piety, he trusts, however, is now reviving among the people of his charge. An increased attention to the word of God and the ordinances of his house, and a new interest in the truth, as exhibited on occasions of parochial visitation, it affords him pleasure to record. Indeed, he feels convinced that almost constant contact with the public mind, in the way of religious conversation or familiar lecture, is necessary to attain, under God, to extensive usefulness. With this view he has begun a system of Bible class instruction throughout the parish; and thus hopes, not only to draw the attention of the young and the old to a too much neglected book, but to inspire a habit of thorough practical research and pious meditation.

In his last report he alluded to subscriptions that had been raised to repair both parish church and chapel. The latter, which was first undertaken, though abandoned in December last by a former contractor, he is happy to say, was, when leaving home, nearly completed, except painting and other proposed embellishments. A proposition from the present workman to repair, immediately, the parish church, was left pending. This, from the adequate subscription for the purpose, (much of which is already collected,) and the well known zeal of the congregation cannot fail soon to go into effect. Notwithstanding our exclusion from the chapel, since the winter,

there have been regular appointments, at two places in its neighborhood, on alternate evenings, after morning service every Sunday at the parish church.

The children that have heretofore attended, as Sunday School scholars, at the parish church, have been resolved into a general catechetical class, with the view, however, of adopting the Sunday School as subsidiary to this personal instruction of the Rector, as soon as a sufficient number is gathered to form several classes. This will be done.

Fifty-one dollars and seventy-seven cents, two cents of which were from a Sunday School child, have been contributed in aid of the benevolent designs of Bishop Chase, at the west.

SAMUEL C. KERR, *Rector.*

Nottingham, Prince George's County.

St. John's Parish—Prince George's and Charles Counties.

Baptisms—infants,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6

HENRY MAJOR, Rector.

Post Office, Piscataway.

Trinity Church—Upper Marlborough, Prince George's County.

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JOS. TRAPNELL, Jr. *Rector.*

May 25th, 1840.

Durham Parish—Charles County.

Communicants, added,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
“ died,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
“ removed,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
“ present number,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	68

Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Deaths,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
Baptisms—white,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
“ colored,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16

The spiritual condition of this parish is believed to be improved since the last annual communication; the congregations are larger, and more regular in their attendance than they have been. Through the exertions of a few individuals, the chapel has been neatly painted and otherwise improved—and there is a prospect of the parish church undergoing some repairs and improvements.

ROBERT PROUT, *Rector*.

Nanjemoy Post Office, May 28, 1840.

Port Tobacco Parish—Charles County.

Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	70
Communicants,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	200
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20

The general state of the parish, the same as in former years.

LEMUEL WILMER, *Rector*.

William and Mary Parish—Charles County.

Baptisms—infants, white	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
“ colored,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14
Communicants—added,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
“ died or removed,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
“ present number,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	43
Marriages—white,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
“ colored,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Funerals—white,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
“ colored,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3

Since the last Convention, the church in this parish has been undergoing certain repairs, which, when completed, will render it a very neat and commodious edifice. No collections have yet been made for church objects, it not being deemed expedient to appeal to the liberality of the parish for this purpose, until the repairs of the church had been finished and paid for. In the course of the ensuing year, however, the rector hopes to present the claims of our several church institutions to his people, and to say a word in their behalf.

JOHN W. HOFFMAN, *Rector*.

Milton Hill, May 20th, 1840.

Trinity Parish—Charles County, Maryland.

Baptisms—white,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
“ colored,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Confirmed,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Communicants,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	108
Marriages—white,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
“ colored,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Burials—white,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
“ colored,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2

This report embraces the period, from the 17th of October, 1839, to the 29th of February, 1840, when the resignation of the undersigned, the Rector, was accepted, in consequence of the inability of the vestry to furnish him a residence, in which his duties might be conveniently discharged. All which is respectfully submitted to the convention.

F. A. FOXCROFT, *Rector.*

Newport, Md., March 10th, 1840.

All Saints' Parish—Calvert County.

Baptisms—white,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
“ colored,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14
Funerals—white,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
“ colored,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Marriages—white,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
“ colored,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Confirmed,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Communicants, added,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
“ whole number,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	41

HENRY WILLIAMS, *Rector.*

Huntington Post Office, May 27th.

Christ's Church Parish—Calvert County.

Communicants—removed,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
“ died,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
“ added,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
“ present number,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	51
Baptisms—infants, white,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
“ colored,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21

Marriages—white,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
“ colored,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8

The Rector of this parish commenced his labors as assistant in October, and as Rector, in December, 1839. It is from October that he reports. In the last, by the Rev. Mr. Bulkley, it was stated that the churches were undergoing entire repair, and it was hoped by this convention to report them finished. It is a source of regret to state that they are as yet only progressing; it is hoped however to see them completed before fall.

The ladies of the parish are contributing this year about \$100, to supply the churches with gowns, prayer books, Bibles, &c. Contributions to institutions of the church, about \$150.

As to the spiritual state of the parish it gives pleasure to say, that the congregations are large,—the responses full and devout,—many of the young, and some, I trust, of the more advanced in life, are seeking salvation by faith in a crucified Redeemer.

JAMES A. BUCK, *Rector*.

Saint Andrew's Parish—Saint Mary's County.

Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15
Communicants last reported,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	58
“ added,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
“ died,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
“ present number,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	58

The present state of the parish is nearly the same as at my last report to the Convention.

The contemplated repairs of the church edifice have been carried into complete effect, and it now affords ample and comfortable accommodation to the respectable and orderly congregation that generally assemble in its walls on the Lord's day.

Through the care and attention of its active and zealous vestry, the ministry of the parish is well sustained, whilst the ladies of the congregation, it is just to say, “that they have done what they could” in providing suitable and tasteful ornaments for the part of the church within the chancel.

JOHN CLAXTON, *Rector*.

Post Office, Leonard Town, Md.

King and Queen's Parish—St. Mary's County.

Communicants—white,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50
“ colored,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20
Marriages—white,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
“ colored,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Baptisms—white,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
“ colored,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20
Funerals—white,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
“ colored,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11

The condition of this parish has decidedly improved. The church which has for many years been in a state of decay, has recently been thoroughly repaired, and is now a beautiful building. The cost of the work was about \$1500;—more than two-thirds of which were subscribed by the parishioners. The expenses of the parish, for the last six or seven years, independent of the salary of the minister, have averaged nearly \$1000 per annum.

T. BILLOPP, *Rector.*

William and Mary Parish—St. Mary's County.

Communicants,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	95
Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	54
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
Burials,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5

R. MITCHELL, *Rector.*

May 27th, 1840.

All Faith Parish—St. Mary's County.

Baptisms—infants, white,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13
“ colored,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	32—45
Communicants, last reported,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	44
“ added,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
“ died,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
“ present number,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	44
Marriages—white,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Funerals—white,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
“ colored,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12—18

The present incumbent took charge of this parish last October, since which time the usual services have been duly performed. No material change has taken place in its temporal or spiritual circumstances. The congregation is

perhaps somewhat enlarged, and seems to be encouragingly interested in the holy services of the church ; and the Rector trusts, that his “labor is not in vain in the Lord.”

SAM'L. C. DAVIS, *Rector.*

Charlotte Hall, May, 1840.

All Hallow's Parish—Worcester County.

Baptisms—infants—white,	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
“ colored,	.	.	.	.	.	.	5—11
Communicants, last reported,	.	.	.	.	.	.	46
“ died,	.	.	.	.	.	.	1—45
Marriages—white,	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
“ colored,	.	.	.	.	.	.	10—17
Funerals,	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
Sunday School teachers,	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
Scholars,	.	.	.	.	.	.	25

JAMES B. NOBLIT, *Rector.*

Berlin, May 25, 1840.

Worcester Parish—Worcester County.

Baptisms—infants—white,	.	.	.	.	.	.	17
Communicants, last reported,	.	.	.	.	.	.	48
“ added,	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
“ died,	.	.	.	.	.	.	1—49
Marriage,	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Funerals,	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Sunday School teachers,	.	.	.	.	.	.	8
Scholars,	.	.	.	.	.	.	48

About six months have elapsed, since the Rector entered on the duties of the above parishes, and is happy to report them in a very encouraging condition. Although in regard to spiritual things, nothing special has occurred, yet there has evidently been a growing interest in the minds of many who have met with us, as Sabbath after Sabbath, we have assembled to worship God, in his holy temple — and the Rector earnestly prays, that the day is not far distant when the Lord will build up this portion of his Zion, and add many unto her, “of such as shall be saved.”

JAMES B. NOBLIT, *Rector.*

Berlin, May 25, 1840.

Somerset and Coventry Parishes—Somerset and Worcester Counties.

Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Communicants,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	140

HENRY CROSDALE, *Rector*.

Princess Ann.

Spring Hill Parish—Somerset County.

Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Marriage,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Communicants about	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	60

ZACHARIAH H. GOLDSMITH, *Rector*.

May 22, 1840.

Stepney Parish—Somerset County.

Funeral,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Communicants, added,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
“ died,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
“ added by removal,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
“ removed from the parish,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
“ present number,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15

ZACHARIAH H. GOLDSMITH, *Rector*.

May 22, 1840.

Christ Church—Great Choptank Parish, Cambridge.

By comparing the state of this parish with the “mighty works” which the Great Head of the church would have wrought in our behalf, but for the “unbelief” of those to whom the gospel is preached, we see abundant cause for humiliation and sorrow. But when we compare its present with its past condition, we behold a highly favorable and encouraging change, which affords reason to believe that the word and sacraments have not been dispensed in vain. The congregation is larger than it has been for many years. The responses are better made; and there is more of that decorum which becomes the house of God. These are some of the external indications of a greatly improved condition, which are apparent to all. To him who has been appointed to labor in this portion of the Lord’s vineyard, there

is the pleasing and not hastily entertained belief, that many of those committed to his charge have “grown in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.”

The Lent services of this, were much better attended than those of last year. Every day in Passion Week, we had a respectable and apparently devout congregation.

The arrangements for catechetical instruction, which were reported to the last Convention as having been adopted, are still continued. The Rector feels greatly encouraged by the success which has accompanied his efforts in this department of ministerial duty.

There are forty members of the Bible class, a large proportion of whom permit no ordinary obstacles to prevent them from being present at the exercises.

The Sunday School is under the general supervision of the Rector, and contains about thirty-six scholars.

About seventy dollars have been contributed by a few individuals to missionary purposes.

Communicants, added,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
Baptisms,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
Marriages,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
Deaths,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0

J. A. McKENNEY, Rector.

Cambridge, May, 1840.

East New Market Parish—Dorchester County, Eastern Shore, Md.

Baptisms—colored,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
“ white,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Deaths,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3

ENOCH BAYLEY, Rector.

St. Peter’s Parish—Talbot County.

Baptisms—adults,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
“ infants,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	44—46
Communicants, last reported,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	83
“ died,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
“ removed,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
“ added,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12
“ present number,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	91

Marriages,	. . . . .	13
Funerals,	. . . . .	12
Sunday School teachers,	. . . . .	10
Scholars,	. . . . .	56

There has been raised in the parish, the sum of \$5000, towards the erection of a new church. The corner-stone of this edifice was laid on Thursday, the 21st of May, with the due solemnities; and to human view, there is nothing to prevent its completion within a reasonable time. The church offerings, exclusive of those at the communion, have amounted to about \$160. For missions on the Eastern Shore, there has been collected fifteen dollars, and the Female circle of industry have, in the last year, realized \$625. The communion has not been increased during the present, so much as during the last year, but there is reason to believe that His blessing, in spiritual things, still rests, and is apparent in this portion of the vineyard of the Lord.

HENRY M. MASON, *Rector*.

Christ's Church—Queen Anne County.

Baptisms—adults,	. . . . .	5
“ infants,	. . . . .	20—25
Communicants,	. . . . .	6
Burial,	. . . . .	1
Marriages,	. . . . .	3
Sunday School scholars,	. . . . .	25

NORRIS M. JONES, *Rector*.

The Rector of Prince George's, and St. Bartholomew's Parishes, Montgomery County, respectfully reports, that no change of importance has taken place in the condition of these parishes, since his last report :

In Prince George's Parish.

Baptisms,	. . . . .	5
Marriages,	. . . . .	3
Funerals,	. . . . .	9
Present number of communicants,	. . . . .	77

L. I. GILLISS, *Rector*.

St. Bartholomew's Parish.

Baptisms,	. . . . .	3
Marriages,	. . . . .	2

Funerals,	4
Present number of communicants,	70
L. I. GILLISS, <i>Rector</i> .	

St. Peter's Parish—Montgomery County.

Baptisms—white,	11
“ colored,	12—23
Marriages—white,	5
“ colored,	10—15
Funerals—white,	4
“ colored,	3—7
Communicants—white,	50
“ colored,	3—53

The vestry of this church, at a late meeting, have resolved by the blessing of Almighty God, to erect a new church edifice on the site of the old building — which for some years has been in a delapsed condition. It is the wish and heart-felt prayer of the Rector, that they may be sustained by the congregation, and that a substantial church may be erected to the glory of God —where many precious souls may be raised up to call Jesus blessed.

JOSEPH TRAPNELL, *Rector*.

Zion Parish—Frederick County.

Baptisms—adult,	1
“ children,	10—11
Marriage,	1
Funerals,	5
Communicants—white,	30
“ colored,	2—32

Nothing particular has taken place in this parish since the last report.

JOSEPH TRAPNELL, *Rector*.

Frederick City, Md.

All Saints' Parish—Frederick Town, Md.

Baptisms—white,	4
“ colored,	1—5
Communicants, last reported,	108
“ died, removed, &c.,	22
“ added,	5

Communicants, present number,	91
Marriages—white,	9
“ colored,	3—12
Funerals,	4
Sunday School teachers—male,	5
“ “ female,	12—17
“ scholars—male,	22
“ “ female,	73—85
Contributions for charitable purposes, about \$800.	

UPTON BEALL, *Rector*.

Frederick City, Md.

St. Thomas' Church—Hancock, Washington County, Md.

Baptisms—adults—white,	3
“ infants, “	23—26
Communicants, last reported,	50
“ removed,	2
“ added,	5—53
Marriages—white,	3

JOHN DELAPLANE, *Rector*.

May, 1840.

St. Paul's Church—Washington County.

Baptisms,	3
Communicants—white,	12
“ colored,	2
Funerals,	2

The Rector officiates in this church every other Sabbath. The church at this place has for some time been in a very feeble and languishing condition, but it is beginning to assume a rather more promising aspect. A Sabbath-school was formed in the spring, which, from a small beginning, has gone on increasing up to the present time. It now numbers about ninety scholars.

J. H. MORRISON, *Rector*.

Post Office, Shepherdstown, Va.

St. Andrew's Church, Clear Spring—Washington County.

Baptisms,	3
Marriages,	3
Funerals,	2
Communicants,	6

Owing to circumstances beyond his control, the undersigned was not able to commence regular ministrations in this place until the fourth Sunday in Advent, (22d December,) 1839.

As the services of an Episcopal minister, though occasionally enjoyed, have never before been *permanently* secured, this may be properly regarded as a missionary station ; and it will, doubtless, require much time and labor to establish the church upon a firm foundation. The Rector usually officiates every other Sunday three times, (including an afternoon service for the colored people,) in the Methodist Episcopal Church, the use of which has been kindly afforded for a very small remuneration.

Until the completion of the church edifice, now in rapid progress, the Rector cannot speak with accuracy as to the results of the undertaking in which he is engaged. He has, however, reason to believe that he will be humbly instrumental in promoting the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom in a highly interesting section of country ; and for the indications of success thus far, would thank *God* and take courage.

J. PETERKIN, *Rector*.

St. John's Parish—Hagerstown.

Baptisms—infants,	11
“ adults,	2
Marriages,	7
Communicants last reported,	97
“ died,	2
“ stricken from the list,	4
“ added,	6

Amount contributed to Missionary Society, \$110.

JNO. WILEY, *Rector*.

St. Michael's Parish—Talbot County.

Baptisms—colored,	12
Marriages,	4
Funerals,	2
Communicants,	30

JOSEPH SPENCER, *Rector*.

St. Mark's Parish—Maryland Tract.

The Rector rejoices to state the prosperous condition of this parish. The house of God is well filled with an attentive congregation and a deep inte-

rest is apparently felt by the people in the solemn services of the sanctuary. The statistics of the parish are about the same as reported at the last convention.

RICHARD H. PHILLIPS, *Rector*.

Chester Parish—Chestertown.

The condition of this church is, on the whole, satisfactory and encouraging. Some accessions have been received from other christian denominations, and the number of hearers, punctually attending, has increased. Collections are regularly taken up for the Bible Society, for the Board of Missions of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and for Domestic Missions within the borders of Maryland. Four parishes on the Eastern Shore have, during the past year, been aided from our mission fund. The Sunday School (one of the first that were established in the United States) is, as usual, conducted with distinguished efficiency. A decided improvement has been accomplished in the church music by the formation of a choir, which, in its preparations and performances, displays a zeal highly gratifying both to the minister and congregation. By the Divine blessing on the efforts of our ladies, an organ has been purchased which will probably be erected within a few weeks.

We look to Him, whose blessing has prospered the external arrangements of this church, to shine into the hearts of our people, consecrating them to himself as a spiritual temple of immortal glory and beauty.

The following parochial duties have been executed by the undersigned :

Baptisms,	8
Funerals,	3
Marriages,	9
Communicants, about	60
Sunday School scholars,	
“ “ teachers,	

CLEMENT F. JONES, *Rector*.

St. John's Parish—Baltimore and Harford Counties.

Marriages,	5
Baptisms,	12
Funerals,	2
Communicants, after deducting removals, &c.	76

No material change has taken place in this parish, since the last convention. The congregations remain about the same. A contribution of \$110

has been made to the General Theological Seminary, and twenty-seven dollars and fifty cents, to the General Missionary Society. The responses are generally well made, and it is hoped that a greater interest is taken in the church, and her institutions.

J. R. KEECH, *Réctor*.

May 27th, 1840.

The Treasurer acknowledges the receipt of the following sums, paid into his hands by St. Paul's parish, Prince George's County, since the adjournment of the convention :

For the Bishop's fund,	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$20
“ Convention fund,	.	.	.	.	.	.	9—\$29

It was, on motion, *Resolved*, that the President of the Convention be a committee to inform Bishop Doane of the election of the Rev. Dr. Whittingham to the Episcopate of this diocess. [See Appendix.]

On motion, *Resolved*, that the late Committee on the revision of the Canons, be requested to revise and correct the eighteenth canon of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Maryland, and any others that may require revision and correction, and report the same to the next convention for confirmation: also, to revise the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Maryland, which relate to the conditions on which clergymen are entitled to seats in the convention, and to report any change or modification which in their opinion may be proper, to the next convention.

Resolved, that the usual allowance be made to the Secretary for his services at this time.

Resolved, that the sum of twenty dollars be paid to the sexton of St. Paul's Church for his services on the present occasion.

No further business being brought before the convention, the session was closed with prayer and benediction by the President, and the convention adjourned sine die.

W. E. WYATT,

President of the Convention.

RICHARD M. HALL, Secretary.

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Note.—The imperfect manner in which some of the parochial reports are prepared, renders it impossible for the Secretary to exhibit a more correct account of the statistics of the Diocese than is here presented. Attention on the part of the clergy, to the preparation of their reports, is particularly solicited.

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LIST OF THE CLERGY
OF THE
DIOCESS OF MARYLAND.
1840.

The Clergymen to whose names an asterisk (*) is prefixed, did not attend the meetings of the Convention.

***Rev. Walter D. Addison.**

Rev. Henry Aisquith, Rector of Severn church, Anne Arundel county.

Rev. Charles C. Austin, Rector of St. Thomas' parish, Baltimore county.

Rev. James Abercrombie, Assistant Minister of Somerset and Coventry parishes, Somerset county.

***Rev. Thomas Bayne, Rector of Dorchester parish, Dorchester county.**

Rev. Henry H. Bean, Rector of Christ's church, Washington city, D. C.

Rev. Thomas Billopp, Rector of King and Queen parish, St. Mary's county.

Rev. Olcott Bulkley, Assistant Minister of St. Mark's parish, Frederick county.

Rev. Upton Beall, Rector of All Saints' parish, Frederick county.

Rev. Enoch Bayley, Rector of East New Market parish, Dorchester county.

Rev. James A. Buck, Rector of Christ Church, Calvert county.

Rev. William F. Chesley, Rector of St. James' parish, West River.

Rev. John Claxton, Rector of St. Andrew's parish, St. Mary's county.

Rev. Henry Crosdale, Rector of Somerset parish, Somerset county; and Coventry parish, Somerset and Worcester.

Rev. John Delaplane, Rector of St. Thomas' church, Washington county.

Rev. Samuel C. Davis, Rector of All Faith parish, St. Mary's county.

*Rev. William Duke.

Rev. Levin I. Gilliss, Rector of Prince George's and St. Bartholomew's parishes, Montgomery county.

Rev. Robert W. Goldsborough, Rector of All Hallows' parish, Anne Arundel county.

Rev. Robert Lloyd Goldsborough, Rector of St. George's and St. John's parishes, Havre-de-Grace, Harford county.

*Rev. Henry B. Goodwin, Charles county.

Rev. Zechariah H. Goldsmith, Rector of Spring Hill and Stepney parishes, Somerset county.

Rev. J. P. K. Henshaw, D. D., Rector of St. Peter's church, Baltimore.

Rev. William Hawley, Rector of St. John's church, Washington city, D. C.

*Rev. Matthias Harris, Rector of Emmanuel parish, Cumberland, Allegany county.

Rev. Hugh T. Harrison, Rector of St. John's church, Ellicott's Mills, Anne Arundel county.

Rev. Alfred Holmead, Rector of St. James' parish, Baltimore county.

Rev. Hector Humphreys, D. D., Principal of St. John's college, Annapolis.

Rev. Orlando Hutton, Rector of St. Margaret's church, Westminster parish, Anne Arundel county.

Rev. John W. Hoffman, Rector of William and Mary parish, Charles county.

Rev. John Francis Hoff, Rector of Christ Church, Georgetown.

Rev. John Johns, D. D., Rector of Christ's Church, Baltimore.

Rev. Leonard H. Johns, Rector of St. Paul's church, Sharpsburg, Washington county.

Rev. Clement F. Jones, Rector of Chester parish, Chestertown, Kent county.

Rev. Norris M. Jones, Rector of Christ Church parish, Queen Anne's county.

Rev. John R. Keech, Rector of St. John's parish, Baltimore and Harford counties.

Rev. Henry S. Keppler, Rector of St. Andrew's church, Baltimore.

Rev. Samuel C. Kerr, Rector of St. Paul's parish, Nottingham, Prince George's county.

Rev. George McElhiney, Rector of St. Ann's parish, Annapolis.

Rev. George L. Mackenheimer, Rector of Queen Anne's parish, Prince George's county.

Rev. Henry M. Mason, D. D., Rector of St. Peter's parish, Talbot county.

Rev. James A. McKenney, Rector of Great Choptank parish, Dorchester county.

Rev. Alexander M. Marbury, Rector of St. John's church, Georgetown, D. C.

***Rev. Andrew T. McCormick, residing in Washington city, D. C.**

Rev. Richard Mitchell, Rector of William and Mary parish, St. Mary's county.

***Rev. Henry Major, Rector of Christ church, St. John's parish, Prince George's and Charles counties.**

Rev. James B. Noblit, Rector of All Hallows and Worcester parishes, Worcester county.

Rev. John Owen, Rector of St. Peter's parish, Allegany county.

Rev. William Pinkney, Rector of St. Matthew's and St. Mark's churches, Prince George's county.

Rev. Robert Prout, Rector of Durham parish, Charles county.

Rev. Richard H. Phillips, Rector of St. Mark's parish, Frederick county.

Rev. Francis Peck, Rector of Ascension church, Baltimore.

Rev. Robert Piggot, Patuxent Forge, Anne Arundel county.

Rev. Joshua Peterkin, Rector of St. Andrew's church, Clear Spring, Washington county.

- v. **Charles E. Pleasants, Rector of Shrewsbury parish, Kent county.**
- v. **Thomas H. Quinan, Resident Missionary, and Assistant Minister of Christ's church, Baltimore.**
- v. **J. J. Robertson, D. D., Missionary to Constantinople.**
- v. **John P. Robins, Assistant Minister of All Hallows' parish, Worcester county.**
- v. **John P. Robinson, Rector of St. Paul's parish, Centreville, Queen Anne's county.**
- v. **Purnell F. Smith, residing at Georgetown, Kent county.**
- v. **Joseph Spencer, D. D., Rector of St. Michael's parish, Talbot county.**
- v. **Kensley Johns Stewart, Rector of Rock-creek parish, District of Columbia.**
- v. **Horace Stringfellow, Rector of Trinity church, Washington City.**
- v. **Joseph Trapnell, Rector of St. Peter's parish, Montgomery county, and Zion parish, Frederick county.**
- v. **Joseph Trapnell, Jr., Rector of Trinity church, Upper Marlborough, Prince George's county.**
- v. **Fitch W. Taylor, Chaplain in the U. S. Navy.**
- v. **Edwin M. Van Deusen, Rector of Broad creek parish, Prince George's county.**
- v. **Richard Henry Waters, Rector of Christ church, Anne Arundel county.**
- v. **John Wiley, Rector of St. John's church, Hagerstown, Washington county.**
- v. **Lemuel Wilmer, Rector of Port Tobacco parish, Charles county.**
- v. **Henry Williams, Rector of All Saint's parish, Calvert county.**
- v. **Thomas James Wyatt, Assistant Minister of St. Paul's parish, Baltimore.**
- v. **William E. Wyatt, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's parish, Baltimore.**

LIST OF THE LAY DELEGATES,

*Who attended the Convention, and of the Parishes and Churches
which they represented.*

Mr. Samuel I. Donaldson, Mr. Edward D. Kemp,	}	St. Paul's church, Baltimore.	
Mr. William Krebs,		St. Peter's church.	“
Mr. James Howard,		Christ's Church,	“
Mr. Andrew F. Henderson,	}		
Mr. John Lowry,		St. Andrew's church,	“
Mr. William Woodward,		Ascension church,	“
Mr. Washington Van Bibber, St. Thomas' parish, Baltimore Co.			
Mr. John Johns,		St. John's church,	“ “
Mr. Joshua Hutchins,		St. James' parish,	“ “
Mr. Edward A. Howard, St. John's parish, Baltimore and Harford counties.			
Mr. Francis S. Key, Trinity parish, Washington city, D. C.			
Mr. Jacob Nollner,		St. John's church,	“ “
Mr. Samuel Hanson,		Washington parish,	do do
Mr. Thomas Turner,		Christ's church, Georgetown,	do
Doctor Philip Landsdale, St. John's parish, Harford county.			
Mr. Parker H. Lee,		Christ's church,	“
Mr. Samuel G. Smith,		St. George's parish,	“
Gov. George Howard, St. John's church, Anne Arundel county.			
Mr. Thomas S. Alexander, St. Anne's parish, Annapolis, Anne Arundel county.			
Mr. Joseph N. Stockett, All Hallow's parish, Anne Arundel Co.			
Doctor Stevens Gambrill,		Severn church,	“ “
Mr. John Thomas,		St. James' parish,	“ “
Mr. William Pumphrey,		St. Margaret's church,	“
Doctor William Henry Worthington, Christ's church, “			

- i. Benjamin W. Harris, St. Augustine parish, Cecil county.
- ii. Rowland Ellis, St. Mary Anne's parish, " "
- iii. James Sewell, Trinity church, Elkton, " "
- iv. Thomas W. Veazey, St. Stephen's parish, " "
- v. Hector Hanson Penn, St. Matthew's parish, Prince George's Co.
- vi. Hector Washington Duvall, St. Mark's parish, " "
- vii. Henry A. Callis, Broad Creek parish, " "
- viii. Robert Bowie, Queen Ann's parish, " "
- ix. Allen P. Bowie, Trinity church, Upper Marlborough, "
- x. George W. Biscoe, St. Paul's parish, Prince George's county.
- xi. George T. H. Wilkinson, All Saint's parish, Calvert county.
- xii. Nathaniel Duke, Christ's church parish, Calvert county.
- xiii. Josias Hawkins, William and Mary parish, Charles county.
- xiv. William B. Stone, Port Tobacco parish, " "
- xv. Richard Potts, All Saint's parish, Frederick county.
- xvi. Tilghman Hilleary, }
xvii. Thomas I. Clagett, } St. Mark's parish. " "
- xviii. Thomas T. Wheeler, St. Peters' parish, Montgomery county.
- xix. Nathan Dickerson, Prince George's parish, " "
- xx. Edward W. Owen, St. Bartholomew's parish, " "
- xxi. Hector Frederick Dorsey, St. John's parish, Washington county.
- xxii. Jacob Shlageal, St. Thomas' church, " "
- xxiii. Nicholas Andrews, St. Andrew's church, Clear Spring, Washington county.
- xxiv. John D. Grove, St. Paul's church, Sharpsburg, Washington county.
- xxv. Thomas Shriver, Emmanuel parish, Cumberland, Allegany county.
- xxvi. Henry Webster, St. Peter's church, Allegany county.
- xxvii. John E. Hayward, All Hallows' parish, Worcester county.
- xxviii. George W. Purnell, Worcester parish, " "
- xxix. Benjamin Parsons, Spring Hill parish, Somerset county.
- xxx. Hector William Williams, Coventry parish, Somerset and Worcester county.
- xxxi. Hector Thomas W. Stone, Stepney parish, Somerset county.

Doctor James Stewart, Somerset parish, Somerset county.
Mr. Edward T. Trippe, St. Peter's parish, Talbot county.
Mr. James L. Geoghegan, Dorchester parish, Dorchester county.
Mr. John C. Henry, Great Choptank parish, " "
Mr. William Carmichael, St. Paul's parish, Queen Anne's county.
Judge Ezekiel F. Chambers, Chester parish, Kent county.
Mr. Alexander W. Ringgold, St. Paul's parish, Kent county.
Mr. Samuel Comegys, Shrewsbury parish, " "
Mr. Richard Thomas, William and Mary parish, St. Mary's
county.
Mr. William I. Blakistone, King and Queen parish, St. Mary's
county.
Mr. John M. Thompson, St. Andrew's parish, St. Mary's county.
Doctor C. Graham Brown, All Faith parish, " "

NUMBER OF CLERGYMEN IN THE DIOCESS.

At the last Convention, (1839,)	65
Added,	12—77
Removed to other diocesses, 4,—of which number, 3 removed immediately after the adjournment of the Convention of 1839, and were deducted from the account, in last year's Journal, 3,—difference	1
Died,	3 — 4
	—
	73
	—
Attended the Convention,	61
Absent,	12—73

FORM OF A PAROCHIAL REPORT.

——— Parish, ——— County, May, 18——

Baptisms,	Adults, white —, colored —, = — }	. . . . .	—
“	Infants, do —, do —, = — }	. . . . .	—
Confirmed,	white, —, colored —, . . . . .	. . . . .	—
Communicants, last reported,—, added —,	— }		
“ died —, removed —, withdrawn —, suspended, — }			
“ present number, . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	—
Marriages,	white, —, colored —, . . . . .	. . . . .	—
Funerals,	do —, do —, . . . . .	. . . . .	—
Sunday schools, male teachers —, scholars —, } Teachers,			—
“ “ female do —, “ —, } Scholars,			—

Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the church.

Remarks by the Rector.

Nearest Post Office. ———, Rector.

APPENDIX.

Copy of the correspondence between the Committee and Rev. Dr. Whittingham.

Baltimore, May 29th, 1840.

REV. AND DEAR SIR :

We, who have the honor now to address you, are appointed a committee by the annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Maryland, which commenced its session in this city on Wednesday, the 27th inst., to communicate to you the transaction which inspires our ecclesiastical body with grateful rejoicing.

On Thursday, the second day of the session, you were elected by the convention to the Episcopate of Maryland, with a degree of unanimity no less honorable to its object as an evidence of the high estimation in which you are held, than it is welcome to the church, liable to be distracted by the evils incident to our bereaved and peculiarly perplexed state.

The history of the proceeding in which you and the church have so deep an interest, you will find in the certified extract from the Journal which, by a resolution of the body, accompanies this official communication. To this should have been added by the Secretary, a copy of subsequent resolutions unanimously adopted—that an agent, already appointed at the last annual convention, should prosecute, with all practicable diligence, the undertaking to obtain an ample fund for the permanent support of the Episcopate: and also that, until that has been effected, the sum of \$3,000 per annum should be pledged by the convention, for your use.

There is annexed to the instructions which we have thus far obeyed, another injunction, that—transmitting to you an account of the proceeding, we should “also urge your acceptance of the office.” This, however, we trust is rendered unnecessary, by the

intimate knowledge which you, in common with the church at large must have, of the various claims of our diocess to christian consideration; and still more, by your own appreciation of the great work to which you are called. To an appeal from a languishing section of the church of Christ, in a remote and dreary land, you would not turn a deaf ear; and you, sir, feel as deeply as ourselves, that moral evils may threaten the dissemination of the gospel, the purity of the faith, the stability and efficiency of the church, more painfully than the difficulties incident to her condition in a wilderness. Your present correspondents, however, would err if they should fail to add, that however great your duty may prove—a consideration only animating to your well sustained mind,—it will be performed in the midst of a community who will receive you with the most cordial respect; and our own personal knowledge of the Laity of Maryland, calls for the assurance, that no where can be found in the various forms of national character which exist in our broad land, nobler traits, or a moral temperament upon which a christian minister may throw himself with a more confiding affection.

Allow us, reverend and dear sir, to solicit the earliest acknowledgment of your acceptance of the appointment which we have thus the honor to transmit. And be assured of the very high respect and affection with which we are your friends, and

Obedient serv'ts,

W. E. WYATT,
JOHN JOHNS.

Gen. Theol. Seminary, New York, June 1st, 1840.

REV. AND DEAR BRETHREN:

Your letter of the 29th May, officially communicating the doing of the late Convention of Maryland, has just come to hand. The pain which it would otherwise have given me, had been lessened by previous unofficial information, and consequent preparation for the formal announcement.

I believe that God is with his church in all its doings, and therefore *dare* make no other reply than an acceptance of the appointment to the vacant Bishopric of your diocess. My own judgment is entirely at variance with this decision, in all points: but I do not presume to look to it in such a matter. Our Lord and Master, who permitted you to unite in the selection of one so unworthy, is able to make the most unworthy sufficient for his work, and *I will trust Him, and you in Him*, in a matter the most momentous, as I verily believe, in which mortal man can be called upon to come to a decision. When experience shall have made you more acquainted with my failings, you will remember that you act against my desire, most earnestly expressed to those who afforded me the opportunity, gave the occasion for their display, and will bear with me, and strengthen my weakness, and share my work. I have no hope before me but in the undeserved mercies of God through Christ, and in your forbearance and long suffering love.

For these mercies I entreat you to pray, and procure for me the prayers of those in whose name you act.

Your faithful friend and servant,

for Christ's sake,

W. R. WHITTINGHAM.

To the Rev. WILLIAM E. WYATT, }
and the Rev. JOHN JOHNS, } *Committee.*

True Copy of the testimonial of the election of the REV. W. R. WHITTINGHAM, D. D., to be Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Maryland.

WE, whose names are underwritten, fully sensible how important it is that the sacred office of a Bishop should not be unworthily conferred, and firmly persuaded that it is our duty to bear testimony on this solemn occasion, without partiality or affection, do, in the presence of Almighty God, testify, that the REV. WILLIAM R. WHITTINGHAM, D. D., is not, so far as we are informed,

justly liable to evil report either for error in religion or for viciousness of life; and that we do not know or believe there is any impediment on account of which he ought not to be consecrated to that holy office. We do, moreover, jointly and severally declare, that we do in our conscience believe him to be of such sufficiency in good learning, such soundness in the faith, and of such virtuous and pure manners, and godly conversation, that, he is apt and meet to exercise the office of a Bishop, to the honor of God and the edifying of his Church, and to be a wholesome example to the flock of Christ.

BALTIMORE, *May* 28, 1840.

William E. Wyatt,
J. Johns,
J. P. K. Henshaw,
Joseph Spencer,
Henry M. Mason,
Clement F. Jones,
George McElhiney,
J. A. McKenney,
J. Palmer Robinson,
Henry H. Bean,
Thomas James Wyatt,
William F. Chesley,
Richard Mitchell,
L. I. Gilliss,
R. H. Waters,
Orlando Hutton,
John P. Robins,
Francis Peck,
John Owen,
Samuel C. Davis,
Hugh T. Harrison,
Joseph Trapnell,
Hector Humphreys,
James A. Buck,
Henry Williams,

James Abercrombie,
John Claxton,
John R. Keech,
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John Wiley,
Enoch Bayley,
John W. Hoffman,
Henry Crosdale,
Samuel C. Kerr,
William Pinkney,
Upton Beall,
Henry S. Keppler,
Robert Prout,
Norris M. Jones,
Joshua Peterkin,
L. H. Johns,
James B. Noblit,
Zechariah H. Goldsmith,
Edwin M. Van Deusen,
G. L. Mackenheimer,
Alex. M. Marbury,
Thomas H. Quinan,
Henry Aisquith,

Robt. L. Goldsborough,
Robert W. Goldsborough,

William Hawley,
Richard H. Phillips,

THE LAITY.

Sam'l I. Donaldson,
E. D. Kemp,
E. F. Chambers,
Benj. W. Harris,
Richard Thomas,
Richard Potts,
John E. Hayward,
William Williams,
George Howard,
Thos. W. Veazey,
James Sewall,
Wm. I. Blackistone,
John M. Thompson,
James Stewart,
Jno. C. Henry,
Geo. W. Purnell,
Rowland Ellis,
C. Graham Brown,
Wm. Krebs,
Hanson Penn,
Wm. B. Stone,
Robert Bowie,
William Woodward,
Joseph N. Stockett,
A. F. Henderson,
F. S. Key,
G. W. Biscoe,
Josias Hawkins,

A. W. Ringgold,
E. W. Owen,
Thomas T. Wheeler,
Henry A. Callis,
Thomas W. Stone,
Samuel Hanson,
Th. S. Alexander,
Samuel Comegys,
Wm. Pumphrey,
Edward A. Howard,
John Lowry,
S. Gambrill,
Wm. Henry Worthington,
Fr. Dorsey,
Hy. Webster,
Samuel G. Smith,
Tilghman Hilleary,
Nich. Andrews,
Nathan Dickerson,
Thos. John Clagett,
Philip Lansdale,
Joshua Hutchins,
Jacob Shlageal,
Benj. Parsons,
Jno. Johns,
Jas. L. Geoghegan,
F. H. Wilkinson,
Wm. Carmichael,

Copy of the Circular Letter to the Presidents of Standing Committees, accompanying the Testimonial.

Baltimore, June 3d, 1840.

REVEREND AND DEAR SIR:

The Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Maryland, held in Baltimore, on the 27th, 28th, and 29th of May, 1840, did, on the second day of their session, elect, according to the Canons of the General Convention, and to the Constitution of the Church of Maryland, the REV. WILLIAM R. WHITTINGHAM, D. D., to the office of Bishop of this diocese. The canonical testimonial in his favor was signed by nearly the whole body of attending members. Of this testimonial, the fifth Canon of the General Convention, providing for the consecration of Bishops during the recess of the General Convention, requires that copies should be sent to all the Standing Committees of dioceses in connexion with said Church.

Wherefore, as President of the Standing Committee of the diocese of Maryland, I herewith transmit to your care a true copy of the original testimonial; begging that, at as early a day as may be convenient, you will assemble the Standing Committee of your diocese, and solicit their signatures to the accompanying Certificate, which is to be returned to me that it may be presented to the senior Bishop of this church, in behalf of the Bishop elect.

I am, very respectfully,

Your friend and brother,

W. E. WYATT.

*Letter to BISHOP DOANE, communicating to him the election of
DR. WHITTINGHAM.*

Baltimore, June 5th, 1840.

RT. REV. AND DEAR SIR,

I am instructed by the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, held in Baltimore on the 27th, 28th, and 29th of May last,

respectfully to communicate to you, as Provisional Bishop of the diocese, that upon the second day of their session, through the good providence of God, they elected, with a most happy unanimity, the REV. DR. W. R. WHITTINGHAM, to the office of Bishop.

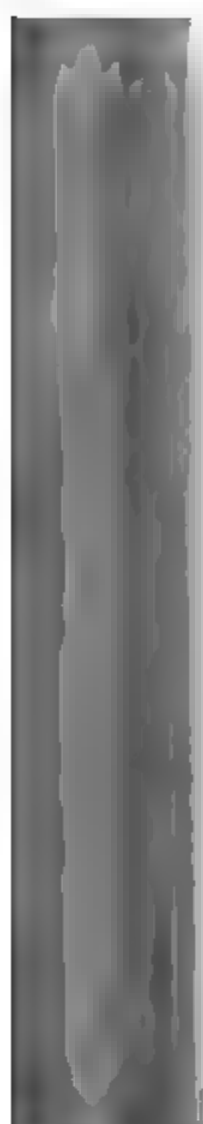
The Convention, sensible of the christian solicitude which you have manifested for that portion of the Lord's vineyard, apprise you of the proceeding, that you may join with us in the gratitude due to the Great Head of the church, for having by his grace put it into the hearts of men to place as chief shepherd of the flock, one of so extensive acquirements and sound faith, so self-devoting a spirit, and so pure a life and conversation.

Until this appointment, however, is finally consummated, we shall, of course, under the canons, continue to look to you for such supervision as your many other engagements will allow.

I am, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. WYATT.



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taken from the Building**

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